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India lights up the dark side of the moon

- Chandrayaan-3's lander touches down precisely at 6.03 p.m., sparking celebrations
- The success belongs to all of humanity. We can aspire for the moon and beyond: PM
- Communication link established between lander and mission centre in Bengaluru
- Rover will do chemical analysis of the lunar surface in the next 14 days

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

India has become the fourth country to successfully land on the moon as the Chandrayaan-3's lander module, with the rover in its belly, successfully made a soft landing on the lunar surface on Wednesday.

Precisely at 6.03 p.m., the lander touched the lunar surface and there were euphoric celebrations at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru, as India joined an elite list of countries – the U.S., Russia and China – to achieve this feat. India has also become the first nation to touch down on the polar region of the moon.

Perfect landing: The Chandrayaan-3's landing site as clicked by the Vikram lander on Wednesday. ISRO

"We have achieved soft landing on the moon, India is on the moon," ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said. He said the lander had achieved most of the nominal conditions of landing, including the velocity of touchdown.

'Exciting days ahead'

"The velocity was less than 2 metres per second, this gives us a lot of confidence that the health of lander is very good to carry out all the planned experiments, including the Pragyan rover coming out. We are looking for exciting 14 days from now," Mr. Somanath said.

The ISRO said a communication link was established between the lander and MOX-ISTRAC, Bengaluru.

It also shared images taken by the lander's horizontal velocity camera during the descent.

The successful landing on Wednesday has erased the painful memories of failure of the Chandrayaan-2's Vikram lander in 2019. During the descent, the Vikram lander gave up at an altitude of 2.1 km before touchdown and crashed on the lunar surface. It subsequently lost communication with the ground stations.

However, this time everything went to plan.

Around 5.44 p.m., the powered descent of the lander module was initiated. The powered descent is divided into four phases – rough braking phase, altitude hold phase, fine braking phase and terminal descent phase. Vikram completed each of these phases seamlessly and 19 minutes later, at 6.03 p.m., the lander made a safe and soft landing on the moon.

Following the successful landing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from South Africa, and said India's successful moon mission was not India's alone. "This is a year in which the world is witnessing India's G-20 Presidency. Our approach of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' is resonating across the globe. This human-centric approach that we represent has been welcomed universally. Our moon mission is also based on the same human-centric approach."

He added that this success belonged to all humanity. And it would help moon missions by other countries in the future. "I am confident that all countries in the world, including those from the Global South, are capable of achieving such feats. We can all aspire for the moon and beyond," he said.

"India has reached the South Pole of the moon where no country could reach to date with the dedication and talent of our scientists," Mr. Modi said.

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We are in favour of BRICS expansion: PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India welcomes the expansion of the BRICS grouping through a consensus-based approach, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Current BRICS members are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

At the plenary session of the 15th BRICS summit in the historic South African city, Mr. Modi urged member States to take advantage of India's digital solutions and to work for the welfare of the Global South.

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18 dead as rail bridge collapses in Mizoram

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A railway bridge under construction over the Kurung River in Mizoram collapsed on Wednesday, killing at least 18 workers and injuring three.

The incident occurred at 9.30 a.m. at Sairang, about 21 km from the State's capital Aizawl.

A total of 28 workers were believed to have been at the site when the bridge collapsed. Some of the victims hail from West Bengal.

The accident occurred when a girder – a steel structure on which a railway track is laid – collapsed while it was being installed.

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Wagner chief feared dead in plane crash

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner private military company that led a mutiny against Russia's Army in June, was on the list of passengers of a plane that crashed, Russian state-run news agencies said on Wednesday.

"The plane that crashed in the Tver Region listed Yevgeny Prigozhin among its passengers, (Russia's aviation agency) Rosaviatsia said," TASS news agency reported. "There were 10 people on board, including 3 crew members. As per preliminary information, all those on board died," Russia's Ministry for emergency situation said.

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Another draw takes final to the decider

Sports Bureau

Eighteen-year-old Chennai sensation R. Praggnanandhaa and five-time World champion Magnus Carlsen of Norway played out a quiet draw on Wednesday to set up the tie-breakers that will decide the Chess World Cup at Baku.

Though he had the white pieces, Carlsen, still troubled by a stomach bug, preferred to preserve his energy for Thursday.

After most of the pieces were exchanged, the second game of the final was drawn in 30 moves, making the score 1-1.

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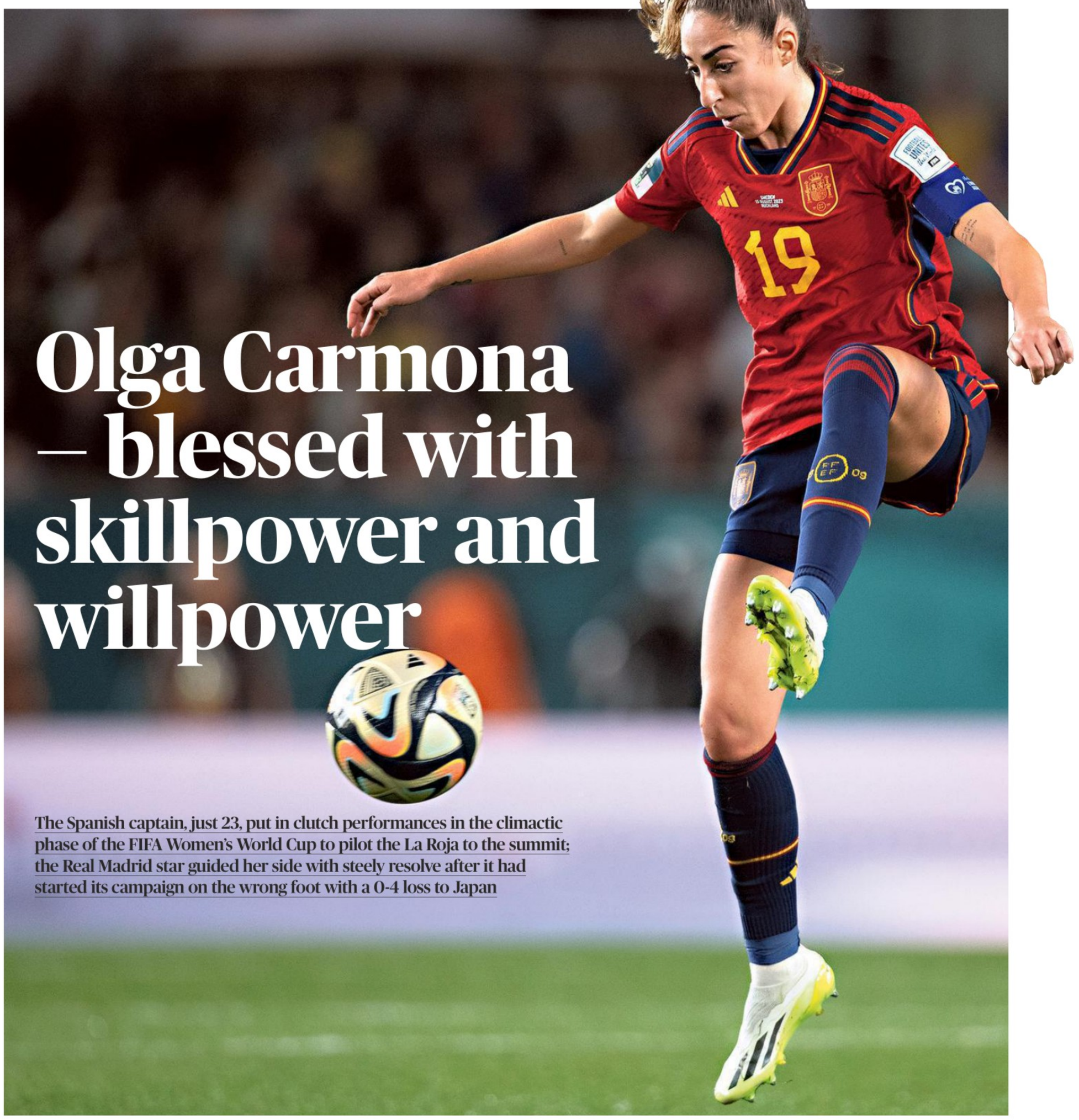

Olga Carmona – blessed with skillpower and willpower

The Spanish captain, just 23, put in clutch performances in the climactic phase of the FIFA Women's World Cup to pilot the La Roja to the summit; the Real Madrid star guided her side with steely resolve after it had started its campaign on the wrong foot with a 0-4 loss to Japan

Vighnesh P. Venkitesh

When she led her team into Stadium Australia in Sydney, looking to get her nation its second World title – first for the women – Olga Carmona was hoping to make it the best night of her life. And she did.

Carmona's heroic display helped the La Roja clinch the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

"This is a dream, but literally, when you go to bed and dream of things that can happen in life, you dream of this," she said after the final, rejoicing with her mates.

Versatility is key

The 23-year-old Real Madrid defender from Seville was in top form throughout the tournament. Her fantastic volley helped Spain regain the lead and eventually get past Sweden in the semifinal while another phenomenal strike from the left wing ended up being the winning goal against England in the final.

But euphoria made way for heartbreak. Carmona's family, who cheered her on from the gallery, headed her way with the news of her beloved father Tomas Carmona's death.

Information provided by the Spanish Football Federation said Tomas passed after a prolonged illness two days before the final. Both parties kept the news from Carmona so she could focus solely on the all-important summit clash.

It's not for nothing that the left-back, who also operates in the wings when required, donned the captain's armband for the La Roja. Her maturity and composure have always been exceptional for her age, something that's held her in good stead in the high pressure livelihood of a football player.

Carmona's football career began with local club Sevilla Este at the age of six. Sevilla FC recruited her into its youth team in 2007 where she spent nine years before being promoted to the senior side. She made her debut in 2017, scoring five goals in 25 appearances in her maiden season.

She tasted international success the very next year, helping the Spain under-19 side win the European championship. The explosive left wingback then moved

to Real Madrid in 2020.

Wearing the prestigious No. 7, she rarely looks like a defender on the ground, making speedy runs through the field and popping into the box to assist the offence whenever possible. She's managed that without leaving the defence vulnerable. She is a sure starter and a key figure in Real Madrid, which is still in its infancy as a professional women's side.

It's not just her skills that have earned her praise. Her never-say-die attitude, which keeps the team going, highlights her role as a leader in the outfit. With Alexia Putellas making an unimpressive return from injury and form worries for senior players like Ivana Andres and Esther Gonsalez, Carmoma was handed the captain's armband. In her first game as captain in this edition, Spain was thrashed 0-4 by a clinical Japanese side. She then took on captaincy duties in the semifinal and final, eventually wrapping up Spain's campaign with the goal that clinched the side its maiden World title. As she had also scored a late winner in La Roja's 2-1 win over Sweden in the semifinals, she became the first player since American Carli Lloyd in 2015 to score in a World Cup semifinal and final.

Laurels and losses

Carmona was already dealing with the loss of another close one during the tournament. After her goal against England, those watching didn't get to see

> The Spain jersey has become a classic. It was just missing the star. We had the feeling we were going to do it and this was unstoppable
>
> **CARMONA**

her signature celebration of kissing the tattoo on the wrist (a dedication to her mother). Instead, she lifted her jersey to reveal the world *Merchi,* later revealing that this was a tribute to her friend's late mother who, she described, as their 'star'.

Carmona's family wanted her to stay in the moment and soak in the magnitude of being the player of the final in a victorious World Cup campaign. While her father was ill, Carmona's mother and other relatives travelled to Australia to watch her in the ultimate clash. At the post-match media interaction, she jokingly complained that the journalists were "not letting her celebrate" though her family was.

Once she was informed about her father's demise, Carmona posted an emotional farewell message on social media.

After riding an emotional roller coaster from elation to heartbreak to acceptance, she wrote a heartfelt farewell to her father acknowledging the strength he gave her, in X. "And without knowing it, I had my star before the game started," her post read. "I know that you have given me the strength to achieve something unique. I know that you are watching me tonight and that you are proud of me. Rest in peace, papa".

It takes a lot of willpower to do what Carmona has done, handling losses, and moving forward. Be it with the team or in her personal life, Carmona has shown how to take blows and keep on going. The youngster is still growing in the game and has a long way to go before even entering her prime. But she has already shown the world that she is a tough nut to crack and made of something different - something that makes winners.

Olga Carmona, at the pinnacle of a player's career and a low point of a person's life, has the mettle to go further. She will.

To dream big, dream well — Thomas' well-researched mantra for success

Associated Press
BUDAPEST

Rest assured, Gabby Thomas is a big believer in the power of a good night's sleep. Because to dream big, she feels one must first dream well.

Thomas wrote a paper on the subject of rest as part of her recently completed master's degree from the University of Texas. It took a look at racial disparities in sleep disorders and evaluated sleep epidemiology among Black Americans.

Her takeaway was simple: catching valuable shut-eye matters. A lot.

She's going to need her rest given what lies ahead for her at the World Championships. Thomas began Wednesday by winning her first-round heat of the 200m. The semifinals and final follow the next two days before the 4x100 relay (final on Saturday) and possibly the 4x400 relay (Sunday).

Good night, indeed.

"The biggest takeaway for me is that sleep is a public health crisis and, as a society, we don't recognise that," said Thomas, who earned her undergraduate degree in neurobiology and global health from Harvard. "Lifestyle stressors have a significant impact on sleep and is actually linked to many chronic health problems later in life. So while I do prioritise my own sleep so that I can be one of the best runners in the world, it's also because I'm very aware of the consequences of not getting good sleep now later in life."

Thomas said sleep holds as much importance to her as a track workout, a gym workout, a physio session, or proper nutrition.

"It is most definitely the most important part of my training, and I can't stress that enough," she said.

She's hardly alone in her belief about the benefits of a sound sleep. World record shot put holder Ryan Crouser defended his world title last weekend. As much as working on his technique, he credited sleep for playing a role in making him a champion.

"A rule of thumb of athletes at the elite level is they're all very good sleepers," Crouser said. "The No. 1 thing you can do to increase your recovery is optimising your sleep."

Thomas sees a direct correlation between quality sleep time and her fast times on the track. The 26-year-old has the top 200 time (21.60 seconds) in the world this season, making her one of the favourites over a crowded field that includes newly minted 100m champion Sha'Carri Richardson, who was the fastest during qualifying on Wednesday.

"Sleep is so easy to neglect," said Thomas, who was hampered by a hamstring injury last season and missed the worlds in the 200. "We live in a society where sleep is really such an afterthought. Not getting enough sleep is an epidemic in our country and it's something that is not talked about or taken seriously."

Thomas would like to see the sleep and rest folded into the ever-growing conversation about mental health.

"Not getting eight hours of sleep... that has really, really bad health outcomes," Thomas said. "It's scary."

Catching quality sleep is far from easy for athletes who travel the world, skipping through time zones, sometimes from week-to-week. Circadian rhythms get interrupted. Routines get altered.

"I came to the Worlds doing everything right – allowing myself time to adjust to the time zone, sleeping adequately, eating well," Thomas said. "Because even the smallest lack of sleep can have profound effects."

Rain deficiency: Parties strategise ahead of BBMP polls

Insufficient rain means no floods and no potholes, which gives an edge to the Congress. The BJP is counting on the looming drinking water crisis in the city and the Cauvery dispute to woo voters

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A long dry spell in the midst of the monsoon season has kept floods and potholes at bay but Bengaluru is likely heading towards a drinking water crisis, which is already apparent in the outer zones.

Given there is no flooding and potholes, the ruling Congress feels that it has an edge in the upcoming civic polls, which are expected to be held in December later this year.

Congress leaders are hopeful of capitalising on implementation of the five guarantee schemes and the Brand Bengaluru campaign.

Civic elections

On the other hand, BJP leaders are of the opinion that the drinking water problem emanating from the Cauvery dispute will work to its advantage in the civic elections. The other topic that the opposition party is counting on is the halting of development activities in Bengaluru.

Owing to a long dry spell in the midst of the monsoon, Bengaluru is likely to be heading towards a drinking water crisis, which is already apparent in the outer zones. FILE PHOTO

In 2015, backed by the JD(S), the ruling Congress enjoyed a majority in the BBMP council and got its candidate elected as Mayor. At that time, the Congress had only 76 of 198 seats in the BBMP council.

After the fall of the JD(S)-Congress coalition government in 2019, the JD(S) switched sides to the BJP, and the council ended its term with a BJP Mayor.

Abdul Wajid, former Congress councillor, said the pothole issue influences young voters in Bengaluru and floods drive affected people away from the government of the day.

Till August 21, rainfall deficit in Bengaluru Urban district was 17% and the figure in Bengaluru Rural was 20%.

"Given deficit rains, the city is not afflicted by potholes or floods. Moreover, the government's guarantee schemes will favour the ruling party during the civic polls. In the coming summer, drinking water could be a problem, but the government will strategise to maintain adequate supply. The city needs 24 tmcft of water. People are hoping for rains in the coming days," the former councillor said.

'Govt. has failed'

BJP Bengaluru South district president and former councillor N.R. Ramesh said, "The government releasing water to Tamil Nadu had upset people of the State, especially in Bengaluru. The water was released for the selfish interests of the INDIA alliance, of which both the Congress and the DMK are a part. The Congress government has failed to consider the drinking water needs of Bengaluru and Karnataka. People will teach a befitting lesson. People have already begun to experience acute drinking water crisis in the outer zones of Bengaluru."

In the recently concluded May 2023 Assembly polls, the BJP won most of the constituencies beyond the Outer Ring Road while the Congress found favour among people in the core areas of the city.

"We hope that it may rain in the coming days to alleviate the possible drinking water crisis," Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said. He pointed out that potholes is one of the factors that influences voters, and so does flooding.

"Rather than saying lack of rain kept these issues away from the public eye, it is right to say that the government's work towards solving these issues will help the party win the BBMP polls," he said.

However, the floods of 2022, that mostly affected the IT corridor spread across K. R. Puram and Mahadevapura Assembly constituencies, did not have much of an impact in the Assembly polls. Even though the BJP feared anti-incumbency against its 3-time Mahadevapura MLA Aravind Limbavali and gave the ticket to his wife, she won by a comfortable margin.

Byrathi Basavaraj, who was Urban Development Minister in the BJP government, retained neighbouring K.R. Puram segment with a comfortable margin.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 24, we have an explainer on Bengaluru civic body's ward delimitation exercise.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURIES
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Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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North by : Road
South by : Site No.02

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Advocate
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This is to bring to the notice to the general public that my client **Mrs.Arshiya** Begum has intended to purchase the Residential Property bearing New Municipal No. 23/8, situated at Binny Crescent Road, (but in Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Records it is shown as situated at Benson Cross Road), Benson Town, Bangalore with total land area of 2060 Sq. feet, and consisting of 19 Squares Residential House Constructed in the year 1984 which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder from Mr. **(1)BENOY JOHN KARIAN** and **(2)Mrs. GEETA KARIAN** and in this regard executed an Agreement of Sale dated 10-08-2023 registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar at Malleshwaram Bangalore.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that any objections or claims of whatsoever nature for or against such purchase shall be addressed to the office of the counsel mentioned below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and in the absence of such objections and claims my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property.

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 1381 of 2020

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Sd/- (REGISTRAR)
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It is hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Mr.R.VIJAYARAJ** S/o late A.Rangaswamy Pillai and his wife **Mrs.R.M.VIJAYALAKSHMI,** residing at No.252, 4th 'D' Main Road, Maruthi Layout, Near Vasanthapura, Bengaluru-560061. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

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All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.22, (BDA Site bearing No.621) PID No.57-245-22,** measuring East to West 45ft and North to South 35ft, in all m measuring 1575 Sq.ft, with a house building thereon, situated at **3rd 'D' Main Road, Sarakki Village,** Shakambirnagar, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.178-Sarakki and bounded as follows:

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Sub: Public Hearing on the Draft KERC (Sharing of Revenue from Other Business of Transmission and / or Distribution Licensee(s)) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

The Commission has notified the draft 'Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Revenue from Other Business of Transmission and/or Distribution Licensee(s)) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022', in the Karnataka State Gazette on 28.10.2022. The draft Regulations are available on the Commission's Website: **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in**

The Commission will hold a public hearing **on Thursday, 07-09-2023 at 11.00 AM in the Commission's Court Hall.** Interested persons are requested to attend the public hearing to submit their comments / views / suggestions / objections if any, before the Commission.

Sd/- Secretary
for Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/1032/2023-24

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No.: KIADB/LAQ/METRO/Airportline-2B/2023-24 Date: 22.08.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **100** SPQ(E) **2023** Bangalore dated **07.08.2023** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **07.08.2023.**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 08-09-2023 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule

Enquiry Date: 08.09.2023 **Time: 11.30 A.M.**

Hebbal Viaduct
Village: Hebbal **Hobli: Kasaba** **Taluk: Bengaluru North** **Dist: Bengaluru**

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS Sy. No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr.)
1	Embassy Lake Teras Apartment	ARP-HBL-ADDL-7	54/6	731/338/4	70.00
2	Embassy Lake Teras Apartment	ARP-HBL-ADDL8	54/6	731/338/4	70.00
3	Embassy Lake Teras Apartment	ARP-HBL-ADDL-9	54/5A	731/338/4	70.00
				TOTAL	210.00
	Kodigehalli Station				
	Village : Hebbal Hobli: Kasaba Taluk: Bengaluru North District : Bengaluru				
4	Godrej Platinum Apartment Owners Association	ARP-KDH-3G	48/4	54/732/450	70.00
	Village : Amruth Halli Hobli: Yelhanka-3 Taluk: Yelhanka District : Bengaluru Urban				
5	1) B.M. Vijayakumar 2) B.M. Pruthvi Raj 3) B.M. Chandraprabha 4) B.M. Murali	ARP-KDH-4D	Sy .No 106/7	1903/106/7	70.00
	Jakkur Station				
	Village : Byatarayanapura Hobli: Yelhanka -2 Taluk: Yelhanka District : Bengaluru				
6	Shell India Marketing Pvt.Ltd.,	ARP-JKR-4C	Sy .No 8/1B2	242/243/279/91	70.00
	Yelahanka Station				
	Village : Yelhanka Hobli: Yelhanka Taluk: Yelhanka District : Bengaluru				
7	1) Y.N. Ramakrishna S/o Late Muniyappa @ Abbaiahappa 2) Y.M. Gopal, Muniyappa @ Abbaiahappa 3) Y.M. Srinivas S/o Late Somanna 4) Lakshmamma W/o Late Somanna	ARP-KGC-4E	Sy .No. 98/6	M.R.No 6/2008-2009	27.65
	5) Mahesh S/o Late: Somanna 6) Deepak S/o Late Somanna		Sy .No. 98/6	M.R.No 6/2008-2009	42.35
	Trumpet Junction Station				
	Village : Meenukunte Hobli: Jala Taluk: Yelhanka District : Bengaluru				
8	S. Vishnu Shankar Shukla and Anjali Geetha Shukla	ARP-TRJ-3E	Sy No. 68	-	70
				Total	350.00
				Total Extent	560.00

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer -1 (Metro Rail Project), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560 001.

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Government of Karnataka
GULBARGA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KALABURAGI
(Autonomous Institution of Govt. of Karnataka)
E-mail:directorgimsgulbarga@gmail.com Phone No 08472-260252

No. GIMS/KLB/OS-1/TEND/2023-24 Date: 22/08/2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT)

Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi invites tender for eligible bidders in bid system (Techno-commercial Bid & Financial Bid) in e-procurement 2.0 mode for the Providing Technical and non technical Group-C through manpower agencies on outsource basis to Gims, Kalaburagi. Details are available in the site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date and time for upload of e-tender in E-procurement platform as follows.

1) Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website-https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in No. GIMS/KLB/OS-1/TEND/2023-24: Date: 22/08/2023 DME/2023-24/SE0061, 2) Last Date for Queries: 04.09.2023 at 17:00pm, 3) Pre-bid Meeting: 05.09.2023 at 11:30am, 4) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: 20-09-2023 @ 16.30pm, 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: 21-09-2023 @ 17:00pm, 6) Opening of Tenders Financial bid 25-09-2023 @ 11:30am, 7) Tender amount: Rs. 4,42,83,971=00, 8) EMD Rs. 8,85,000=00, 9) Contact Details: Director, GIMS Kalaburagi veresh Nagar sedam road Kalaburagi 585105 08472 260252 Mob: 9448712914

Sd/- Director
Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/205/KSMCA/2023-24

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-46/2023-24 **E-TENDERS** **Date: 14.08.2023**

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e- offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS The details of tenders are in the following sequence **S.No:-Tender No. (Due Date). Description and Quantity. 1.** 05225080B (31.08.2023), (i) Digital Input. 6Es 7131-6B1100-0BA0, 04 Nos., (ii) Connection Box P N PLUS. 01 Nos., **2.** 05225119B (31.08.2023), Double Motor Module, 01 Nos., **3.** 05225198A (31.08.2023), Smart line Module, 01 Nos., **4.** 05235161 (01.09.2023), Single motor module, 01 Nos., **5.** 05235162 (01.09.2023), Smatic HMI, 01 Set., **6.** 05225165B (01.09.2023), E/R Module Type-6SN1145-1BA01-0DAI, 01 Nos., **7.** 05235163 (04.09.2023), Spare Parts for Kirloskar make screw air compressor, 01 Set., **8.** 05235164 (04.09.2023), Sensor Module DMC 20, 01 Set., **9.** 05235165 (04.09.2023), Item for MW No. M2111 Oxygen Generating Plant. 01 Set., **10.** 05235174 (04.09.2023), Control Panel Aristo U 82 Plus with preloded software, 03 Nos., **11.** 05235175 (04.09.2023), Wire Drive Assly, 01 Set., **12.** 06231106, (15.09.2023), SET OF CABLE TRAY FOR WAG-9 LOCO BLW DRG No. 29612950 Alt. A spec: CLW/ES/03/0132 Alt. O to PL No. 29612950, Qty. 351 Set., **13.** 06231107, (29.09.2023), Roof Line insulator specn: CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/AC/I-1/K CLW/ES/SK-2/AC/I-1/K to PL No. 29810139, Qty. 4464 Nos., **14.** 06231794, (13.10.2023), SET OF CABLE TRAY FOR WAP-7 LOCO, as per Drg.No. BLW DRG NO. 29612822 Alt.B as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0132 ALT.O to PL No. 29612822, Qty. 150 Set., **15.** 06231104, (20.10.2023), MICROPROCESSOR BASED ELECTRONIC SPEED INDICATING, RECORDING SYSTEM and 01 (ONE) EVALUATION SOFTWARE FOR EVERY 10 (TEN) SETS OF SPM (WITHOUT MEMORY CARD READER UNIT & COMMUNICATION CABLE FOR MASTER TO SLAVE) FOR WAG-9/WAP-7 & WAP-5 TYPE 3-PHASE LOCOMOTIVES specn ELRS/SPEC/SPM/0002 (Rev.4) to PL No. 29200040, Qty. 503 Set., **16.** 06231102, (27.10.2023), ROOF MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM WITHOUT "TROUGH" specn: RDSO/2007/EL/SPEC/0055(REV.-2) to PL No. 29811028, Qty. 774 Nos., **17.** 07231026A (20.09.2023), PL No. 29612846, Hot Melt Tape HMT 100A, 160 Mtr., **18.** 07231027A (25.09.2023), PL No. 29170552, Safety Flooring Sheet, 105 Mtr., **19.** 05231217 (04.09.2023), Compression Tester for HHP Engine, PL No. 15610986, 55 Set., **20.** 04231090 (12.09.23), Set of Filter Frame ASM PL No. 29480115, 504 Sets, **21.** R/A (Double bid System) 04231242 (05.10.23), Kit for Computer Control brake P.L. No. 17459758,85 Sets. **22.** 10222993A (18.10.23), Nozzle Ring Part No. 16080610, 731 Nos., **Corrigendum: 23., Developmental Tender No.:** 09231078, **Bid No.:** E-26/2023-24, **Rev. No.:** 02, **Existing Due Date:** 18.08.2023, **Revised due Date:** 31.08.2023, **24., Developmental Tender No.:** 09231083, **Bid No.:** E-28/2023-24, **Rev. No.:** 01, **Existing Due Date:** 18.08.2023, **Revised due Date:** 31.08.2023, **25., Developmental Tender No.:** 09231091, **Bid No.:** E-28/2023-24, **Rev. No.:** 01, **Existing Due Date:** 16.08.2023, **Revised due Date:** 31.08.2023. **Note:** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders. The details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

P.R./BLW/S-50 Senior Material Manager

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KMF Karnataka Co-Operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex: Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536789/26096834 Fax: 080-25536105

IFTNo. KMF/ENGG/SHKRPR-MMCF Pkg/1565/2023-24 **Date: 21.08.2023**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two Cover System] [Through e-procurement portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and eligible firms may participate in the tender by logging on to website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in & also contact Help desk No.-080 23010900 / 23010901 E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Period
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Automatic Packing machine with conveyor and allied equipments complete for Mineral Mixture packing at Shikaripura Cattle Feed Plant on Turnkey basis	1 Job	90,000/-	6 Months

1. Tenders may be downloaded from dated 24.08.2023 to 07.09.2023 up to 4-00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission on 08.09.2023 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 11.09.2023 at 11:30 AM.
4. Pre bid meeting will be held on 28.8.2023 at 11:30 am.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

How can 'One Health' help India, and India help 'One Health'?

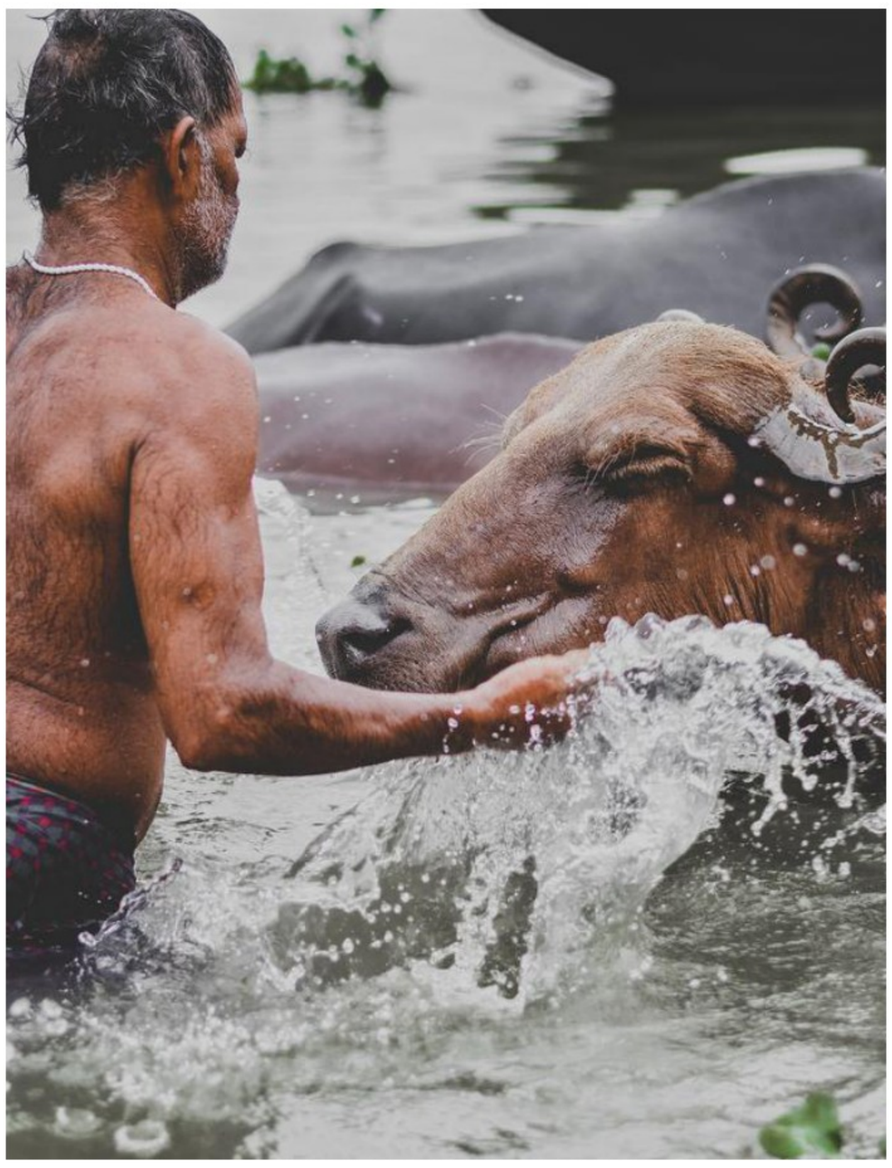
The benefits of One Health are understood in contrast to the cost of managing a pandemic with an alternative approach. A G20 taskforce estimated the latter to be about $30 billion a year. On the other hand, estimates by the World Bank have indicated that the former would cost $10.3-11.5 billion

Irfan Shakeer

The concept of 'One Health' is currently gaining popularity worldwide; India has of late been taking significant strides to deploy concepts and strategies rooted in this idea to bolster the way it responds to health crises. However, One Health is not a new concept.

One Health is a holistic approach to problems that recognises the interconnections between the health of humans, animals, plants, and their shared environment. An early articulation can be found in the writings of Hippocrates (460-367 BC), who contemplated the relationships between public health and clean environments.

The 19th-century German physician and pathologist Rudolf Virchow (1821-1863) later wrote: "Between animal and human medicines there are no dividing lines - nor should there be." More recently, the eminent veterinarians James Steele (1913-2013) and Calvin Schwabe (1927-2006) have championed the value of ecology for both animal and human health.



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Why is One Health special?

Human population growth, urbanisation, and industrialisation have compounded the damage to biodiversity and ecosystems. These harmful environmental changes are linked to zoonoses - diseases shared between animals and humans. Researchers have estimated that 60% of emerging diseases that can infect humans are zoonotic in nature. They include bird flu, Ebola, rabies, and Japanese encephalitis.

In addition, humankind has also become beset by major issues of antimicrobial resistance, food safety and security, and the control of vector-borne diseases. Taken together, these issues warrant both the intersectoral management and the efficiency that characterises the One Health strategy.

One Health minimises resource requirements across sectors. An important way it does this is by encouraging coordination across governmental units, including the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Environment, and Science and Technology. Taking a One Health approach allows researchers to, for example, share their laboratories and findings, and ultimately make decisions that lead to resilient, sustainable, and predictable policies.

The economic benefits of One Health are understood in contrast to the cost of managing a pandemic with a non-One-Health approach. An assessment of the G20 Joint Finance and Health Taskforce estimated the latter to be around $30 billion a year. On the other hand, estimates by the World Bank have indicated that the former would cost $10.3 billion to $11.5 billion annually.

Recent One Health initiatives

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020-2023 highlighted the importance of adopting a One Health approach. Since COVID-19, many interventions based on the One Health model have been launched worldwide.

The Government of India established its 'Standing Committee on Zoonoses' in 2006 under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The purpose of this committee was to provide the Union and the State governments guidance and recommendations on challenges related to zoonoses. But the pandemic provided the real boost to this topic; India has also floated a number of initiatives in this direction since then.

The Department of Biotechnology launched India's first consortium on One Health in October 2021. It brings together 27 organisations from several ministries and plans to assess the burden of five transboundary animal diseases and 10 select zoonotic diseases. The government has allocated ₹ 31 crore for three years to the consortium, especially for its promise of improving cross-cutting collaborations between the animal, human, and wildlife sectors.

In June 2022, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy (DAHD) - in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Confederation of Indian Industry - launched a One Health pilot project in Karnataka and Uttarakhand. This initiative intends to strengthen intersectoral collaborations through capacity-building, with the goal of improving livestock health, human health, wildlife health, and environmental health.

India is also currently preparing for a wider 'National One Health Mission' to be spearheaded by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor.

The idea behind this mission is to coordinate, support and integrate all existing One Health initiatives in the country.

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How can we switch?

While dealing with human, animal and environmental health together makes immediate sense on paper, what does it entail on the ground, in terms of things to be implemented? The transformation process can be broken down into four major stages. Each stage requires consistent political will and sustainable financing structures.

Stage 1: Communication

In this stage, the basic mechanisms for communication between various ministries and/or sectors are set up. The focus is on keeping the important stakeholders informed and engaged throughout the One Health transformation, and to help them meet regularly and review progress.

An example of this stage is the National Standing Committee on Zoonoses under the MoHFW.

Stage 2: Collaboration

After initiating communication between the relevant sectors, sector members need to exchange their knowledge and expertise in order to translate ideas into short-term interventions.

Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of different sectors in zoonoses management is crucial in this stage. For example, to manage a zoonotic disease, collaboration means assessing and lowering disease risk, surveillance, building capacity at different institutions, research, and public outreach.

The DAHD's One Health pilot project in Karnataka and Uttarakhand is a good example of a public undertaking that strengthens just these ties.

Stage 3: Coordination

The activities carried out during this stage are usually routine and long-term. Initiatives to achieve One Health in this stage are spearheaded by a national or a subnational agency (so that it has the authority and the resources to coordinate several ministries). Ideally, the agency should have been established specifically to achieve One Health outcomes.

Typical 'situations' that call for long-term coordination include routine environmental and disease surveillance, monitoring trade across borders with respect to animals and animal products, and conducting regular awareness campaigns.

India's forthcoming 'National One Health Mission' would be an appropriate example of this stage.

Stage 4: Integration

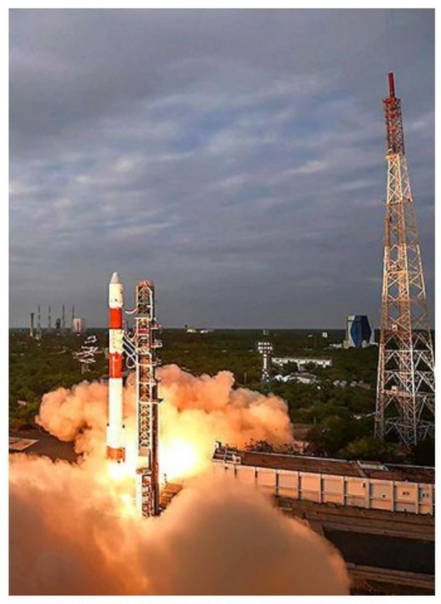
By default, government sectors and their units are designed to function vertically - and this is good for managing individual programmes. However, One Health is implicitly intersectoral, and existing system can't accommodate One Health's goals and mechanisms if it doesn't 'horizontalise': i.e. it needs to integrate and develop synergies between programmes undertaken across various sectors.So for this stage, a policy framework that helps the relevant sectors to efficiently share resources and streamline their current programmes is essential. India's national and subnational programmes - such as MoHFW's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme and DAHD's Livestock Health and Disease Control scheme - are currently not integrated with other sectors, resulting in uncoordinated, *ad hoc* initiatives.

Collaborative science

To reap all the advantages of a One Health approach, India should move beyond short-term collaborations and create an integrated, science-based environment. This is a prerequisite for platforms to not just share office space but to also provide access to laboratories and biological samples to the relevant researchers.

Certain samples like blood, tissue, faecal matter, and effluent water are also expensive and come with ethical implications, and an integrated system that deals with them can prove especially beneficial. In such a system, researchers from various disciplines should be able to use laboratories as necessary and generate the requisite inputs will go a long way to meeting major challenges with the One Health approach.

(The author is a senior research associate at Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment. He is associated with the IndiaZooRisk+ project, which is and India-UK joint initiative.)



A satellite launch from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, in Sriharikota PTI

What next for ISRO after Chandrayaan-3 mission?

Press Trust of India

A mission to study the sun, launching a climate observation satellite, a test vehicle as part of the human space flight programme, and an India-U.S. synthetic aperture radar – the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has a packed schedule after Chandrayaan-3.

In addition, XPoSat, the country's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study the dynamics of astronomical X-ray sources in extreme conditions, is also ready for launch, an ISRO official said on Tuesday.

A test vehicle mission, for the validation of the crew escape system for Gaganyaan, the country's manned space project is expected soon

Aditya L1, the first space-based Indian observatory to study the sun, will most likely be launched in the first week of September.

According to Chairman S. Somanath S, ISRO has also lined up the launch of INSAT-3DS, an earth-observation satellite.

The launch of a test vehicle mission, for the validation of the crew escape system for Gaganyaan, the country's maiden human space flight mission, is also expected soon.

"(Then) we have to launch NISAR, the India-U.S. built Synthetic Aperture Radar," Mr. Somanath said in his Independence Day address at ISRO headquarters on August 15. "So, our hands are full."

"We are going to build a large number of satellites for our security purpose as well in the coming days," he added.

According to ISRO officials, NISAR is a low-earth orbit observatory being developed by NASA and ISRO. It will map the entire globe in 12 days and provide spatially and temporally consistent data to understand changes in the earth's ecosystems, ice mass, vegetation biomass, sea-level rise, and groundwater, and natural disasters, they said.

"It carries L and S dual band synthetic aperture radar, which operates with the sweep SAR technique to [cover] large swath with high resolution," an ISRO official noted.

Before undertaking the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission, ISRO had planned for two uncrewed missions. "We are getting ready for the [first of the two uncrewed] module missions by the beginning of next year," according to one official.

The objective of the Gaganyaan programme is to demonstrate ISRO's ability to transport humans to a low-earth orbit onboard an Indian launch vehicle, which in this case will be the human-rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3. The orbital module will consist of a crew module and a service module.

The crew module, which is pressurised, will be the living quarters for a small crew.

During the test flight, the orbital module will be positioned in a circular orbit at an approximate altitude of 400 km for one to three days. The crew module will descend and then fall back down at a designated location in the sea.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Hello, is anyone out there? The search for aliens

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

Name the equation created in 1961 to estimate the number of extraterrestrial intelligent civilisations in a galaxy, using a combination of factors like the rate of star formation and the time taken for civilisations to evolve to communicate across space.

QUESTION 2

On earth, we have found life wherever we have found water. Name the two moons of Jupiter and Saturn (one each) that contain liquid water under a thick layer of surface ice, and which scientists plan to explore in future space missions.

QUESTION 3

Apart from the earth, which is the only planetary body in the solar system that contains liquids on its surface, as well as rivers, lakes, seas, and clouds? In 2019, NASA selected a mission called 'Dragonfly' to send to this body to look for, among other things, possible lifeforms.

QUESTION 4

Name the scientific field concerned with the conditions for the origin of life, its development, dispersion, and evolution in the universe.

QUESTION 5

In 1977, a telescope in the U.S. detected a strong radio signal lasting for 72 seconds coming from the direction of the Sagittarius constellation. The signal hasn't been detected since. One hypothesis of its origin, albeit with low confidence, is that it was emitted by an extraterrestrial intelligence. What is this signal popularly called?

Answers to August 22 quiz:

1. Name of twilight when the sun is 12° below the horizon – **Ans: Nautical**
2. Thing that appears at astronomical dusk and disappears at astronomical dawn – **Ans: Faintest star visible to the naked eye**
3. Asura who could only be slain at twilight – **Ans: Hiranyakashipu**
4. Pink border visible above the earth's shadow at twilight – **Ans: Belt of Venus**
5. Ozone's absorption that gives the sky a deep blue shade – **Ans: Chappuis effect**

Visual: **Crepuscular**

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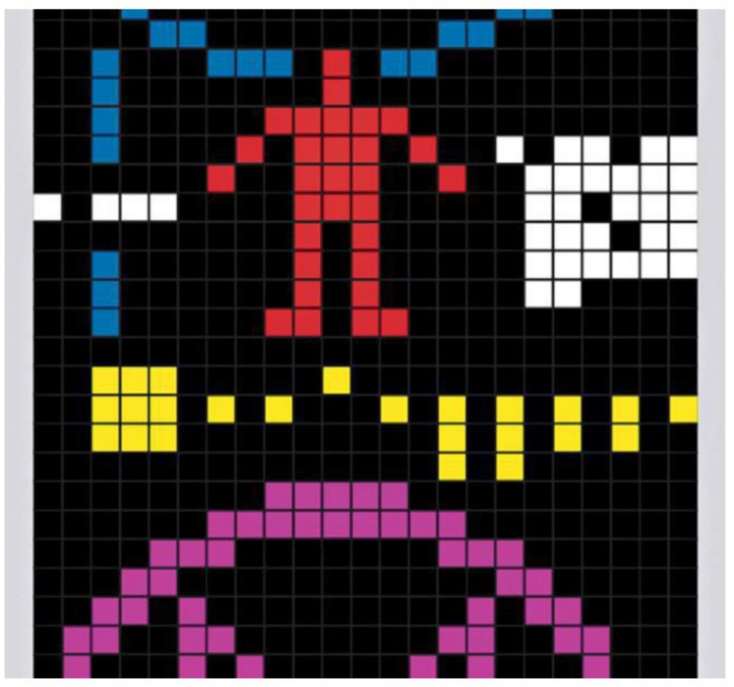

Visual:This is part of an image scientists transmitted In 1974,encoding basic information about humans, to a distant star cluster in the hope that it would ping intelligent aliens. Name this message. ARNE NORDMANN

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Citizens over the moon with Chandrayaan success

Hundreds of enthusiasts, including children and senior citizens, gather at various places in the city to witness the historic moment of the spacecraft soft landing near south pole of lunar surface

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Indian Space Research Organisation's ambitious Chandrayaan-3 completed its soft landing near the south pole of the lunar surface, coordinated from its control room in Peenya, on Wednesday (Aug 23) evening, residents of the city took a dip in the scientific spirit.

From the screening of the feat at museums, planetariums, and restaurants to special poojas at temples, the celebrations took different colours across the city.

Hundreds of space enthusiasts, including children and senior citizens, gathered at the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), where special screenings were arranged along with scientific commentary by leading scientists.

Ecstatic ISRO staff after the soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the surface of the moon, at the ISRO's Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network facility in Bengaluru on Wednesday. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

One of the many enthusiasts who had come to watch the live telecast of the soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon. RAVICHANDRAN

People watching the live telecast of the successful soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on lunar surface, at the Jawaharalal Nehru planetarium in Bengaluru on Wednesday. RAVICHANDRAN

Applause and cheers

While some had painted their faces with the tricolour, rockets and the logo of ISRO, others brought the national flag to wave their support for the mission. The General Post Office also hosted a screening of the landing.

After the completion of each phase of the lander, the venues broke into thunderous applause and cheers. "As an Indian citizen, I am very proud. Watching it live in the museum made me feel like I was a part of the mission. The people and the atmosphere here were very enthusiastic, and I came here specifically for the live telecast," said Shanmukha Priya, a science enthusiast at the museum.

"The advantage of telecasting live in the space gallery is that they (the audience) are in the space environment. Since we have models of the Mars Rover and Chandrayaan-1, they get an idea as to what a rover looks like," Sadhana Attavar, Director of VITM said.

At the planetarium, the background of Chandrayaan-3 and its mission objectives were explained by retired ISRO scientist Dr B.R. Guruprasad in Kannada. Alina Naqvi, a student from Mount Carmel College who was present there said "Chandrayaan-3 has been quite interesting to follow and watching it live with the community here has been a great experience. I have learnt that it is a big step in our space programme."

A screening was also arranged at the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Park in ISRO Layout where many former ISRO scientists and retired employees of the Indian Space Organisation interacted with the public.

Several educational institutions in the city, including the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore had organised the screening of the lunar landing on their premises for the students. Many Resident Welfare Associations and apartment complexes held small screenings and events to commemorate the Chandrayaan- 3 mission. In many places, people also lit firecrackers to celebrate the landmark achievement of the ISRO.

Many also took to praying to god for the success of Chandrayaan-3. Several temples like Dodda Ganapathi temple in Basavanagudi and Gavi Gangadhareshwara Temple in Guttahalli held special poojas for the event.

Leaders laud feat

Many political leaders attended or held their own screenings to watch the soft landing on the moon and took to social media platform X, to congratulate ISRO on the success of Chandrayaan-3.

"The continuous efforts and decades of hard work of the country's scientists have paid off today. The successful landing of Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander on the south pole of the moon has left the world awestruck by the achievement of the Indian Space Research Organization. It is a proud moment for every Indian. Congratulations to the scientists of the country for such an extraordinary achievement," said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

He also congratulated the ISRO Chairman S. Somanath through a phone call.

Governor Thawaar Chand Gehlot, said, "Once again, India's vanguard, ISRO, emerges triumphant. The victorious saga of Chandrayaan-3 unfurls yet another milestone in the captivating voyage of space exploration. I extend my wholehearted congratulations to the entire constellation, encompassing the brilliant ISRO scientists steering this triumph, acknowledging their unwavering commitment and avant-garde thinking!"

Many MLAs celebrated the success of Chandrayaan-3 by distributing sweets to citizens. They also organised special pooja and food donation programmes.

Mysuru-based firm had a role in successful lunar mission

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The city-based Kaynes Technology, which specialises in integrated electronic manufacturing, has a role in ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 mission and its successful soft landing on the moon.

The firm, which has manufacturing units in different States, had three units working exclusively on the Chandrayaan-3 project at Mysuru, Bengaluru, and Ahmedabad.

Lander and rover

The firm's marketing official Jayaram told *The Hindu* that Kaynes Technology was provided state-of-the-art power packages which, he said, played a vital role in providing the essential power needed for the mission's lander and rover.

Tailor-made

"Designed to withstand the unforgiving lunar environment, packages ensure a reliable and consistent source of power throughout the mission's critical operations," said Mr. Jayaram.

He added that the CY M3 power supply packages were tailored for the Chandrayaan-3 mission's requirements in terms of reliability and to thrive in the hostile space conditions.

In a realm where budgets are paramount, CY M3 power supply packages offered a cost-effective solution without compromising on quality, Jayram added. He pointed out that the firm has been involved with ISRO in many of its projects and plans to expand in the aerospace sector in a big way.

Collaboration

"Our collaboration with ISRO extends far beyond the Chandrayaan-3 mission. We are committed to providing ISRO with cutting-edge solutions and are actively engaged in upcoming missions as proud partners of India's space programme'', said a release from Kaynes Technology.

Bescom to act against illegal cables on poles after freak accidents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After two recent accidents involving the falling of electric poles, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) on Wednesday (Aug 23) ordered all Internet and TV cable providers to remove illegal optical fibre cables (OFCs), data cables, and dish cables that are laid on electric poles in its jurisdiction.

If the operators fail to act in a week, Bescom will remove the cables on its own, and book cases against concerned operators, a press release from the company said.

This comes a day after a 21-year-old student of Christ university suffered severe burns in a freak accident involving over-hanging OFCs on an electric pole.

Meanwhile, another water tanker passing in the same direction pulled away the dangled wires so hard that the electric pole on which the OFC cables were, broke, snapping all the wires down.

This led to a short circuit and a fire, and one of the wires fell on the student. She sustained 35% burns and is being treated at a private hospital.

'Within one week'

" Following these two incidents, Bescom has decided to remove all the unauthorised cables within one week," the release said.

Platinum jubilee: NIMHANS plans a slew of programmes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The All-India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH), now known as NIMHANS, marked its platinum jubilee this year.

As part of the milestone, NIMHANS has lined up a slew of programmes all through the year including the release of a logo, stamp and first day cover, special articles about the institute, time capsule, a brain and mind museum, and an alumni meet.

At a programme organised to mark the milestone, NIMHANS Director Pratima Murthy said the platinum jubilee inauguration at NIMHANS was a testament to AIIMH's dedication and commitment to mental health.

"It will continue to be a beacon of hope for the future of mental healthcare in India," Ms. Pratima Murthy said.

Time capsule

Prabha S. Chandra, Dean of Behavioural Sciences at NIMHANS, said the proposed time capsule will include clips on the way doctors practise at the institute, details about neurology, neurosurgery, mental health, basic science research and public health.

"The idea is to put all this in a time capsule and then open it 70 years later to see where we have reached," she said.

G.N. Narayana Reddy, alumnus and former Director of NIMHANS, spoke about bridging the institute's past achievements with the present and the future aspirations.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile royal family of Mysuru, who is also the chairman of Cyberverse Foundation's advisory board, called upon NIMHANS to collaborate with the cybersecurity cluster that they are building in Mysuru to address the mental health issues faced by victims of cyber crime.

On the occasion, Satyavati (batch of 1955), Professor of Clinical Psychology, was felicitated. NIMHANS also unveiled a commemorative brochure on AIIMH and logo marking its 70th year.

A short film on the history and contributions of the All-India Institute of Mental Health was screened.

CME on lymphoma and laryngectomy at Kidwai

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As part of its golden jubilee celebrations, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology is conducting a continuing medical education (CME) workshop on lymphoma changing trends on September 2.

Lymphoma is a cancer of the immune system affecting blood and lymph nodes, the incidence of which is on the rise. It is a very treatable disease and the outcome is excellent if correctly diagnosed at an early stage. "The CME is aimed at updating the students and faculty of pathology and medical and paediatric oncology streams. It will enlighten the budding and practicing pathologists in the field of cancer diagnosis," said Kidwai Director V. Lokesh. Besides, the Department of Head and Neck Oncology is also conducting a two-day CME programme titled "Ode to 150 years of laryngectomy." Laryngectomy is surgery for advanced cancer of the voice box.

"The CME will address the historical aspects, basic principles, rehabilitation and advances in laryngectomy. A hands-on voice rehabilitation workshop will also be conducted as part of the CME.

"The programme will be attended by national faculty and about 200 doctors and speech and language pathologists. It will be a great teaching programme for ENT, head and neck surgery and surgical oncology residents," said Krishnappa, HOD of Head and Neck Onco-Surgery at Kidwai.

Applications invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru City University has invited applications for admission to certificate courses in Foreign Languages at the Centre for Global Languages, Palace Road.

According to a BCU release, applications can be obtained from the Centre for Global Languages. The last date for submitting application is September 10.

BBMP files FIR against Congress workers for putting up banner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A BBMP official has filed a case against unidentified individuals for putting up an unauthorised banner opposite the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee office on Queens Road on Monday.

The complainant, Y.M. Pushpavati, Assistant Revenue officer of BBMP, filed the complaint with the High Grounds police, hours before the BBMP officials concerned slapped a fine of ₹50,000 on the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

The banner was put up by members of the Congress Backward Classes Wing to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and former Karnataka Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs.

Ms. Pushpavathi, in her complaint, asked the police to trace the people who have put up the banner and take necessary action. Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under the Karnataka Open Place Disfigurement Act and are investigating.

Man convicted of abduction, rape, murder

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The fast track court-4 on Wednesday convicted a 31-year-old wall painter for the abduction, rape, and murder of a three-year-old girl, who was playing in the neighbourhood at Byrathi in Kothanur five years ago.

The accused, identified as Sonu Nishad, hailed from Uttar Pradesh and was living with his wife and three children in a labourers' colony.

The police arrested the accused under the POCSO Act, 2012, rape and murder and filed a charge-sheet before the court.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Share of people aged 50 and above to take adult vaccine in India

16 in percentage. While 71% of adults aged above 50 are aware of adult vaccinations, 90% of doctors cited absence of formal guidelines as a major cause for the lack of adoption of adult vaccination. PTI

The CBI cases awaiting government sanctions to prosecute

525 Of the total cases where the CBI has sought sanction to prosecute government employees, the highest of 167 were with the Department of Financial Services under the Finance Ministry. PTI

The people rescued from flood-hit Pakistan in the last three weeks

1 In lakh. Rescue operations were expanded last week when the Sutlej River started overflowing, inundating several districts. Pakistan is still struggling to overcome the damage caused by massive floods last summer. AP

Grain destroyed by Russian attacks on Ukraine in a month

2.7 in lakh tonnes. Since the collapse of the Black Sea grain deal, which aimed to ensure safe grain shipments from Ukraine, Moscow bombarded sea ports in Ukraine, Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov informed. AFP

Govt.'s target for procurement of rice from Kharif season

521.27 lakh tonnes. Last year, the Centre procured 496 lakh tonnes of rice. Paddy is grown in kharif and rabi seasons. PTI

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Implementing a car safety programme

What is the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme? How will the safety standards of cars be tested? Is crash testing under the NAP mandatory? Which was the first manufacturer in India to achieve five-star rated cars? What has spurred the demand for safer cars?

EXPLAINER

Jagriti Chandra

The story so far:

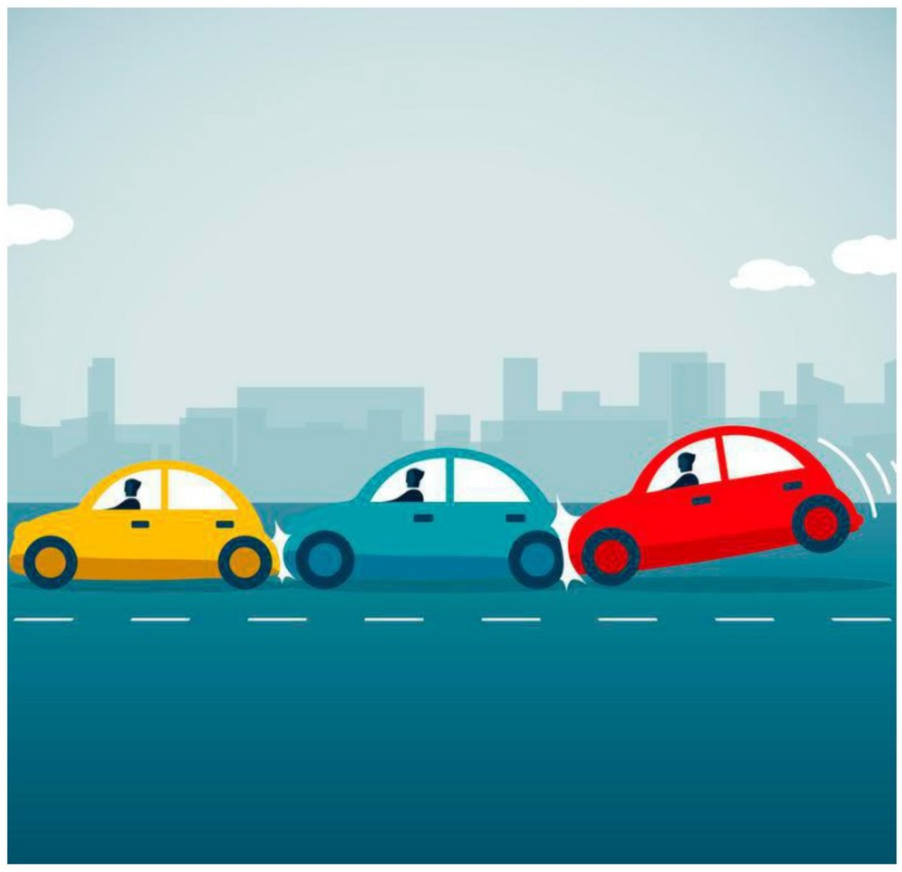
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has rolled out an indigenous star-rating system for crash testing cars under which vehicles will be assigned between one to five stars indicating their safety in a collision. Called the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP), the rating system will be voluntary and will come into effect from October 1, 2023.

What is Bharat NCAP?

Under the Bharat NCAP, cars voluntarily nominated by automobile manufacturers will be crash tested as per protocols laid down in the soon-to-be-published Automotive Industry Standard 197. The programme is applicable to passenger vehicles with not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat with gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3,500 kgs. Only the base model of a particular variant will be tested.

Cars will be assigned a rating between one star to five stars after being evaluated on three parameters – adult occupant protection, child occupant protection and safety assist technologies present in the car. The first two parameters will be calculated with the help of three different kinds of tests, which include a frontal offset test where a vehicle is driven at 64 kmph and with 40% overlap into a deformable barrier which represents the oncoming vehicle, which replicates a crash between two cars of the same weight. Other tests are the side impact test at 50 kmph and the pole-side impact test (where a car is crashed into a rigid pole sideways) at 29 kmph.

Though Bharat NCAP is voluntary, in certain cases cars maybe subjected to a crash test such as for a base model of a popular variant (minimum clocked sale of 30,000 units), or when the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways recommends a model for testing based on market feedback or in the interest of public safety. Officials of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways say that automobile manufacturers have offered a total of 30 car models for crash testing under Bharat NCAP, without revealing the name of the auto companies willing to participate.



GETTY IMAGES

The objective of the programme is to help consumers make an informed decision before purchasing a car, thereby spurring demand for safer cars. India sees nearly 1.5 lakh road fatalities in a year, accounting for 10% of deaths due to road crashes globally with only 1% of the world's vehicles. According to a World Bank study, road crashes are estimated to cost the Indian economy between 5 to 7% of GDP a year.

How has Bharat NCAP evolved?

The testing protocols adopted by the Bharat NCAP are modelled on the Global NCAP, which is a project of the U.K.-based NGO, Towards Zero Foundation. It serves as a platform for co-operation among new car assessment programmes worldwide, including countries such as the U.S. which has the world's oldest crash testing regime since 1978.

The NGO launched a Safer Cars for India campaign in 2014 when it released the country's first independent crash tests covering the Suzuki-Maruti Alto 800, the Tata Nano, Ford Figo, Hyundai i10 and Volkswagen Polo. All but one of the five models failed the test at 56km/h and all scored zero stars at 64 km/h. With no airbags, the Swift also scored zero stars but a separate test of a version sold in Latin America with air bags scored three stars which demonstrated the model's potential for improvement, according to the Towards Zero Foundation.

"Since then, more than 50 results have been published for the Indian market. In 2018, Tata achieved India's first 5-star cars and now manufacturers are competing to obtain four and five- star results and using ratings in their marketing and there has been a sharp fall in the number of zero-star models in the Indian market," according to David Ward, Executive President, Toward Zero Foundation. The launch of the Bharat NCAP on Tuesday is on the back of a slew of road safety regulations over the past few years including mandatory dual front airbags, anti-lock braking system, seatbelt reminder and reverse parking sensors.

What is the way forward?

India will need to develop its crash testing capabilities and knowledge expertise for the Bharat NCAP programme to be implemented meaningfully, such as a software system wired to the dummies placed inside cars to assess the nature and extent of injuries to analyse scores. Over the years, India will also have to align Bharat NCAP with global standards by expanding testing parameters. For example, the U.S. NCAP also includes a roll-over test which tests whether a vehicle is vulnerable to tipping up on the road in a severe manoeuvre. Japan's NCAP covers electric shock protection performance after a collision, performance of neck injury protection in a rear end collision, passenger seat belt reminder evaluation, evaluation of pedestrian protection technologies apart from preventive safety performance such as autonomous emergency braking system, lane departure prevention system, rear-view monitoring system and pedal misapplication, among others.

THE GIST

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What are the amendments to the Pakistan Army Act?

Why are the amendments specifically targeting veteran and retired army personnel?

Aditya Kumar Singh
Rahul Rawat

The story so far:

On July 27, the Pakistan senate passed a Bill to amend the Pakistan Army Act, 1952.

What are the new amendments?

The Bill has expanded the ambit of the Army Act by inserting clause 1A in Section 8 of the Act. With this change, the Act will include civilians working in entities affiliated with or controlled by the Pakistan Army like the Fauji Foundation, Army Welfare Trust, Fauji Urea, Fauji Cement, etc. The Bill has added two new sections to Section 26 of the Act. Section 26A on 'unauthorised disclosure', states that "if any person who is or has been subject to this act, discloses or causes to be disclosed any information, acquired in an official capacity, which is or may be prejudicial to the security and interest of Pakistan or the Armed Forces of Pakistan, shall be guilty of an offence, and on conviction by the court constituted under this Act, be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years." Section 26B prohibits a person who has been subjected to this Act from participating in any kind of political activity for two years "from the date of his retirement, release, resignation, discharge, removal, or dismissal from the service."

Another notable amendment is in Section 55. Section 55A bars the subject of this Act from getting into any form of engagement, consultation, or employment, directly or indirectly, with any entity that might have a conflict of interest with the Armed Forces of Pakistan and its affiliate entities, while Section 55B outlines the punishment applicable to individuals who, whether currently or previously subjected to this legislation, undermine, ridicule, or scandalise the Armed Forces.

Why now?

The addition of clause 26A must be seen through the prism of the May 9 incident, wherein the supporters of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the party of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, attacked army installations across the country. The information regarding the installations was leaked from within the Army. Part two of the same Section is being seen as designed explicitly for Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Faiz Hameed, former DG of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Gen. Faiz has been the biggest supporter of Imran Khan while he was in power and after his ouster from power; he is seen as Mr. Khan's predominant advisor. Mr. Khan had planned to formally bring Gen. Faiz Hameed into the PTI's fold to rebuild the party, however, this amendment has dashed his plan. The amendments, in general, have been specifically designed to intimidate the veterans who have been supporting the former Pakistan PM by expressing their views on social media and public platforms.

The changes proposed in the Bill are not just about strengthening the power of the Army Chief and dissuading critics. Through the addition of Section 175C (on welfare and rehabilitation), Section 175D (on welfare through affiliated entities), and Section 176E (on national development), the Pakistan Army has formalised its intervention in the functioning of the country in the name of rehabilitating serving, retired, or wounded personnel and families of martyrs as well as in national development and advancement of strategic interests.

What are the implications?

The manner in which the Bill was passed has exposed the government's docile behaviour towards the Army. The Bill was taken up in the morning without adhering to a two-day notice. Only two senators raised concerns about how the Bill was being pushed through the house. The amendments in the Army Act clearly aim to silence criticism of the Pakistan Army, especially from retired personnel, among whom Mr. Khan holds excellent support.

A section of journalists and human rights advocates have expressed concerns as these amendments would jeopardise the rights and liberties of individuals as well as impose restrictions on the dissemination of information. With the implementation of such draconian laws, the authorities would end up with absolute power to target anybody.

Aditya Kumar Singh is is an independent researcher and Rahul Rawat is a PhD scholar at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

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Medical student from Chennai held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police have arrested a 19-year-old medical student from Chennai who allegedly created a fake X (formerly Twitter) profile in the name of the Bengaluru City Police and posted IPL match scores.

The accused, Magesh Kumar, a resident of Chetpet in Chennai, was tracked through his IP address and arrested. The accused was allegedly operating the account since February 2018 and had only been posting IPL scores. Since the accused is a cricket (RCB team) fan, he started uploading the scores. The accused chose the name of the BCP to authenticate his post and get more views, a police officer said.

Ravi Kumar M.K., head constable with the social media wing, noticed the account and filed a complaint.

Prices of flowers skyrocket ahead of Varamahalakshmi

Jasmine costs between ₹800 and ₹1,000 per kg and around ₹100 per measure, while kanakambara is selling between ₹1,600 and ₹2,500 per kg

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Traders said that although there is a lack of rain this time in the State, it has not affected the arrival of flowers in the markets. FILE PHOTO

The beginning of a line of festivals has also marked the increase in the prices of flowers in the city, especially ahead of the Varamahalakshmi festival on Friday.

On Wednesday, the flower markets in the city, including K.R. Market, were bustling with customers who had come to stock up on the flowers.

The price of jasmine hovered between ₹800 and ₹1,000 per kg and around ₹100 per measure, while kanakambara was selling at anywhere between ₹1,600 and ₹2,500 per kg depending on the quality and around ₹300 per measure.

Loose flowers like button rose and sevanthige (chrysanthemum) were priced at ₹200 to 250 per kg. As it is most in demand during the festival, the price of lotus had also gone up. A pair of the flower was priced between ₹50 and ₹60. The banana stems (*baale kamba*), which are also a festive necessity, were selling at ₹60 and ₹70 per pair at many retail markets in the city.

Although there is a rain deficit this time in the State, it has not affected the arrival of flowers in the markets, traders reported.

G.P. Muniyappa, a flower trader at K.R. Market, said, "Right now, the supply to the market is quite good and people are coming in large numbers to buy flowers. As always, a few days before the festival, the prices of all flowers went up. However, after Thursday, the prices will come down as the demand will go down."

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Even amidst the costly prices, there is no festival without flowers. "I have made arrangements with my retail flower vendors to bring all the flowers I need from the wholesale markets and to sell it at a slightly reduced price. As I am a regular customer, they help me like this. For this festival especially, we can neither compromise with the quality nor the quantity of flowers," said Madhuri Raj, a resident of J.P. Nagar.

After a brief fall, the price of the flowers is expected to go up again before the final days of Onam where flower arrangements will be in at centre of the festivities.

Although the celebration already began on August 20, the final three days August 29 - 31, will see much more grandeur.

The 10-day festival began in the city with multiple committees organising Onam celebrations.

Jaijo Joseph, joint secretary of Kerala Samajam, said that the response in Bengaluru was great.

"Even non-Malayalis take part in the celebrations," he said.

Timings
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THURSDAY, AUG. 24	
RISE	06:08 SET 18:36
RISE	12:19 SET 23:57
FRIDAY, AUG. 25	
RISE	06:08 SET 18:35
RISE	13:18 SET 00:00
SATURDAY, AUG. 26	
RISE	06:08 SET 18:35
RISE	14:20 SET 00:50

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	25
Mysuru	32	23
Bengaluru	31	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower is likely.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A mostly dry weather to prevail. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be comfortable.

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- What is the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme? **bit.ly/ncapbharat**
- How can 'One Health' help India, and India help 'One Health'? **bit.ly/healthcrisisindia**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 32/MYS/2023 of 18-08-2023
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Sub Work-I:- Chikjajur Rayadurga Section: TRR (P) of exg. 52kg/90UTS Rails with new 60kg - 110 UTS Rails From Km. 1/000 to 34/000, Km.46/000 to Km.69/100, Km.86/000 to 91/500 for a total length of 61.6Km. TRR (P) of exg. 60kg/90UTS rails with new 60kg /110UTS rails from km. 0/000 to 0/500, Km.34 / 000 to Km.46 / 000, Km.69 / 000 to 86 / 000 and from km. 91/500 to km. 130/900 for a total length of 68.80Km. **Sub Work-II**:- Through Fitting Renewal (TFR) from km.0/000 - 1/000, 10/800 - 10/900, 12/400 - 12/500, 13/350 - 13/500, 23/870 - 25/763, 33/988 - 34/135, 36/100 - 105/900 and 115/450 - 130/900 for a total length of 88.60 Kms between Chikjajur-Rayadurga stations.	**Rs.9,15,55,220/-**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 11-09-2023**
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Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-Ordination
PUB/319/AAD/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Mysuru**
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-Tender No.: SBC-GSU-ENGG-2023-19
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Bengaluru Cantonment -Whitefield Quadrupling:**1).** Re-construction of Bridge No. 835B Foot Over Bridge with Gangway-1 at ch: 344876.000 & Gangway-2 at ch:344795.000 duly dismantling the existing Foot Over Bridge at ch:344886.750 in Baiyyappanahalli Yard. **2).** Construction of Foot Over Bridge with Gangway at ch:344487 in Baiyyappanahalli yard. **3).** Dismantling and Re-construction of platform shelter at Baiyyappanahalli yard.	**Rs. 16,31,84,044.78**

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4.Short term Tender Notification NO-23/2021-22/723 (Two Cover System)3th Call
(e-procurement portal)

On behalf of Governor of karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for Providing FHTCs Works in Mandya, Maddur, Malvalli, Pandavapura & Srirangapattna Tq in Mandya District from eligible bidders. Pre-Bid Meeting **Dt:23-08-2023 Time:11:00 AM(Place:O/O EE, RDWSD, Mandya),** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids:-**28-08-2023 Time:05:00 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:-**29-08-2023 Time:05:05 PM .** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:-01-09-2023 Time:11:00 AM. Amount Put to tender Maximum:Rs.225.97 Lakhs. More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from this office during working hours.Phone No: 08232-222363.

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Details of the posts with consolidated pay

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1	Disaster Management Consultant, Grade-1 for Head Office.	PG Degree in Diploma Management / Science/Social Science/Urban Planning/ Environmental Science/MSW/ Engineering from UGC Recognized University with more than 02 years experience in Disaster Management.	2	70,000/- per month
2	Disaster Management Consultant, Grade-2 for Zonal Office.	PG Degree in Diploma Management / Science/Social Science/Urban Planning/ Environmental Science/MSW/ Engineering from UGC Recognized University with at least 01 year and above experience in Disaster Management.	8	60,000/- per month

The Candidates not exceeding 58 years of age with above qualification shall submit application through **ONLINE ONLY** to email address: **eeritec2023@gmail.com**. No application shall be received manually or through posts. The applicant shall submit all the necessary documents ONLINE duly attested. The originals shall be presented on the date of Interview (As applicable).The selection of candidates shall be based on merits of the documents produced and Interview. The Chief Commissioner, BBMP, has the right to Increase or reduce the number of posts. All the posts are purely on temporary basis and for a period of **11 months + extendable upto one additional year.**

Last date for submitting applications online: 08.09.2023 before 4:00 p.m.
Date & Place of Interview : Will be intimated to shortlisted candidates.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Traffic Engineering Cell Division, RI-BBMP

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, KODAGU DISTRICT AT: MADIKERI [Original Jurisdiction]

In the Matter of Complaint Under Consumer Protection Act Complainant No. 23 of 2023

BETWEEN : Shri. B.D. Chakravarthy Ponnanna, Son of Late Devaiah B. M. Aged about 41 years, Residing at Golden Pearl, Siddapura Road, Amathi, Taluka Virajpet, District Kodagu 571211 State of Karnataka **.....Complainant**

And

1. Max Bupa Health Insurance [NIVA BUPA] A Health Insurance Company Incorporated Under Indian Max Bupa Health Insurance Co. Ltd., Number 39, 3rd Floor, Pusa Road, WEA Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110 005, through its Authorized Representative. **....Opposite Party I**

2. Max Bupa Health Insurance [NIVA BUPA], A Health Insurance Company, Registered Office: Shop No. 72, B.T.M. II Stage, Mico Layout, 7th Cross Road, Stage II, Sunshine Colony, Bengaluru 560076, State of Karnataka. **...Opposite Party ii**

SUMMONS TO THE OPPOSITE PARTIES

WHEREAS the above named Claimant has lodged complaint before the Authority claiming an amount of ₹1,57,05,350-38 to be recovered from you the opposite parties jointly and severally.
WHEREAS, you the above named first opposite party and Second opposite party are hereby called upon to appear in person or through authorized agent before this Forum on 6th day of September 2023 in the forenoon at 10:30 A.M.
WHEREAS, if you fail to appear on the above said date, the matter will be proceeded to be disposed of by placing you ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the President of Forum, Madikeri, on this 24th day of August 2023.

By Order of the resident District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Kodagu District, Madikeri

Advocate for Claimant,
SD/- Shri. Mahadeva Deshak, Shri. Sudeesh Uggappa, Ms. Vidhula Deshak,
Advocates, No. 479, 'Abhimaan Complex', 2nd Floor, Vinaya Marga, Siddhartha Nagar, Mysore - 570 011.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS "THROUGH E- PROCUREMENT TENDERS"

TENDER NOTICE No: S/2023/27 **Date: 22.08.2023**

The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on **www.ireps.gov.in** site as follows. All the E- tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty	Unit	Due Date
1	30230564	KIT FOR DUMP VALVE (TYPE DV12)	294	Set	28.08.2023
2	37232917	Backing ring for CTRB	8352	Nos	04.09.2023
3	6323ENG08	Running contract for manufacture & supply of various type glued insulated rail joints	11441	Set	04.09.2023
4	37231707A	Shank wear plate	27094	Nos	05.09.2023
5	37233295A	Lock bolt (22.2 mm) dia with coller and zink plate	19341	Set	05.09.2023
6	37231870A	Bolster liner size 8 x 120 x 153 mm	49115	Nos	06.09.2023
7	40231769B	Supply air bellow connection with frame	164	Nos	07.09.2023
8	30225001A	Fire and Smoke Detection	237	Nos	08.09.2023
9	63STRENGOL09	Running contract for manufacture & supply of joggled fish plates and 1 meter long fish plate.	24084	Set	11.09.2023
10	30230096A	AXLE BOX HOUSING	2020	Nos	11.09.2023
11	50231025	Thermoshrink jointing kit for jointing underground quad cable	1980	Nos	11.09.2023
12	79232211	Soft blanket of superior quality with four side satin piping	91937	Nos	11.09.2023
13	30230460	S-VEL SPEED SENSOR	127	Nos	11.09.2023
14	30230580	JZV CARD FOR WSP OF LHB COACHES	17	Nos	11.09.2023
15	30230579A	JZP CARD FOR WSP OF LHB COACHES	13	Nos	11.09.2023
16	40230188	Low Maintenance Lead Acid Battery 110 V 40 Ah capacity	93	Set	12.09.2023
17	40231247	Axle pulley complete with rubber pad	137	Nos	12.09.2023
18	37233388A	Cast steel bolster	97	Nos	12.09.2023
19	40231678	Emergency Battery Charger suitable for LHB type EOG AC coaches.	211	Nos	12.09.2023
20	40231770	inter Vehicle Coupler Z.S. Coupling 400 Amp, 750 Volt, 3 Phase, 50 Hz complete with terminating cable	25	Nos	18.09.2023
21	30230144A	Cut off angle cock with vent	7233	Nos	18.09.2023
22	37231871	Spring plank	833	Nos	19.09.2023
23	37231698A	striker casting wear plate	22280	Nos	03.10.2023
24	50235324	Signalling cable copper conductor size 2 core x 2.5 Sq. MM	238.17	KM	10.10.2023

Note (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website **ireps.gov.in** for Full details/ description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. **(2)** For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit **www.ireps.gov.in**

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No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/1151/2023-24 **FORM III** **Date: 21-08-2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Formation of road from Gear School road to Peripheral Ring Road via Gunjur palya, Varthur** for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan-2015 for the width of 45.00mtrs.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued

Sl No. 84 Name of the District : **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk : **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village : **Gunjur**

Sy. No/ Khatha No.	Type of land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot & Extent in Sq.m.		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office. factory apartment, individual house etc.	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sq.m.	Name and address of the owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued
	Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout/ developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor area Ratio			
Sy. No. 236/7, Khatha Sl No. 8514, M.No: 392	Vacant land		Converted BBMP "A" Khata Land			39.80 Sqm Area comes with in Nala Buffer Zone		Sy. No. 236/6	Remaining portion of Sy No. 236/7	Sy. No. 234	Halla/Naala	None	None	None	Vacant	9296.00 /- per Sqm	Sri. Palaksha G.K. S/o. G.A. Krishna Reddy Vinayaka Nagar, Gunjur, Bangalore South Bangalore-560087.
						400.62 Sqm										35,000/- per Sqm	
						Total:440.42 Sqm											

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional/branch office	Special Land Acquisition Officer, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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I, REMITH Sequeira, S/o Peter Sequeira, R/a 4th Cross, Sagar Road Guthyappa Colony, Gopala Extension, Shimoga-577205 hereby state that both the names Remith Sequeira and Anthony Remith Sequeira belongs to one and the same person i.e., me only and my DOB is 24-02-1980, vide affidavit dt: 17.08.2023 sworn before Notary H.R.Karunakara, B'luru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VYAJAYANT, S/O. Sanarthanam Palanisamy, R/O No.22, 1st Flr, 1st Mn Rd, Muneshwara Lyt, Devinagar, Rmv 2nd Sge Blr–94, have changed name to Vyajayant vide afdvt dtd 18/08/23

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PURVA BLUEBELLE Adjacent to Magadi road Metro station (purple lane) Rajajinagar 3 bedroom Jodi units 5 bedroom + servant room with all luxurious Amenities for Sale Contact : 9844027560

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPALI Sudhakar Dawahare, W/O Lingeswaran Narayanasamy, R/O Flat No G–8,Parimala Riviera,Whitefield, BLR–66, have changed my name as Dipali Sudhakar Dawahare vide affidavt dtd 18/08/2023

I, DISHA POORNAMBRUTHA K S, R/at 434, Bangalore 43 have changed my name from DISHA POORANAMRUTHA KALKERE SURESH to DISHA POORNAMBRUTHA K S for all future purposes dtd 23–08–2023, Udaykumar.K

I, MANYASHREE T M, D/o Manjunath Govindappa, R/at No.290, H.V.Govindappa Compound 2nd Cross, Banashankari Nagar, Tumakuru, Karnataka, presently camped at Bangalore City have changed my name from Manyashree T M to Manyashree Manjunath vide affidavit dated 21-08-2023 before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bangalore.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Awaiting judgment: The President of the People Democratic Party Mehbooba Mufti takes part in a protest against the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir in New Delhi in 2021. AFP

Downgraded at the stroke of a pen: the bifurcation of the erstwhile State of J&K

Special status for States is not extraordinary in the Indian Constitution. Several States in India enjoy differential rights in their relationship to the Union by constitutional design, depending on their unique cultural, ethnic and geopolitical compositions

Malavika Prasad

Since August 2, a five-judge Constitution Bench led by the Chief Justice of India has been hearing arguments on petitions challenging the dilution of Article 370 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. In this article, dated August 8, 2019, Malavika Prasad talks about the subjective contexts in which such laws were originally included in the Constitution.

The Indian government's decision to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) raises many constitutional questions. One important question is whether the President had the powers to make all the provisions of India's Constitution apply to the State. Another is whether the Indian government was authorised to do this in the face of its own obligations to J&K under Article 370. Even assuming for a moment that these questions did not arise, a further question that does crop up is: Did Parliament have the authority to bifurcate J&K into two Union Territories (UTs)?

The last question assumes importance because the conversion of a State governed by an elected legislature into a UT/UTs adversely affects a people who had earlier enjoyed the freedom of full democratic participation. In the case of J&K, the centrally appointed administrator – called the Lieutenant Governor – will now have the power to make a wide range of decisions, as opposed to a regular State Governor, who must act typically on the aid and advice of the State's Council of Ministers.

Moreover, while the legislature of the UT of J&K – which the reorganisation law states will be akin to Puducherry's – will have the power to enact laws on matters in the State List and the Concurrent List of the Constitution, Parliament will retain the power to enact overriding laws. Consequently, the arenas open to decision-making by elected representatives will be diminished.

The Delhi parallel

The total reorganisation of a full-fledged State into two UTs is historically unprecedented in India.

However, one example here that can be cited is that of Delhi.

When the Constitution of India was adopted, Delhi was a 'Part C' State administered by the President acting through a Chief Commissioner or Lieutenant Governor. From 1952 to 1956, Delhi had a Legislative Assembly empowered to make laws on all matters in the State List excepting law and order; constitution and powers of municipal corporations and local authorities; and land and buildings in possession of the Central government situated in Delhi. However, in 1956, Delhi and all the other Part C States were divested of their legislative powers and converted into UTs that would now be administered by the President acting through an administrator appointed by her.

Within some years, the other UTs were given legislatures, and by 1987, the UTs of Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura and Goa were even made into States. Only the restoration of a Legislative Assembly in Delhi was stalled, out of concern that Delhi holding legislative powers over matters in the State List would compromise the Union government's ability to discharge its functions towards the nation in the national capital.

Even when Delhi received partial Statehood in 1992, with full legislative powers on subjects in the State List – except public order, police and land – the elected government in Delhi found its hands tied by the powers of a centrally appointed Lieutenant Governor. This tussle for democratic power in Delhi finally culminated in 2018, when the Supreme Court recognised that the Constitution has sought to create a democratic and representative form of government in Delhi. Only in the exceptional case that the elected government and the Lieutenant Governor differ on matters fundamental to Delhi's governance could the latter's decision override democratic will.

Accession after Independence

However, J&K's entry into the Indian Dominion is not comparable with Delhi's beginning as a 'Part C' State. Delhi was an integral part of India during Independence and later, when the Constitution came into force. J&K on the other hand was a sovereign Princely State at the time of India's Independence and acceded to the Indian Dominion in 1947 on terms recorded in a treaty – the Instrument of Accession. Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, which accorded a special status to J&K in comparison with other States, was an embodiment of the treaty's terms.

However, J&K's special status was not a claim to sovereignty. This is apparent from Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of J&K, 1956, which recognises it as an integral part of India.

The special status merely meant that provisions of the Indian Constitution (other than Article 1 defining India as a Union of States; and Article 370 itself) were permitted to be applied to J&K differently from the way they applied to regular States. Such a modified application allowed J&K a higher degree of autonomy.

For instance, while Parliament had exclusive powers to make laws pertaining to States, on all matters not in the State and Concurrent Lists, the residuary power rested with the State legislature in the case of J&K. With this autonomy, the people of J&K on paper had an even larger arena than regular States for enacting laws through democratic participation. Therefore, J&K's reorganisation into a UT amounts to a more severe curtailment of democratic rights than that of Delhi in 1956.

Not a constitutional amendment

Further, Delhi's conversion into a UT and the subsequent restoration of its Legislative Assembly were both carried out through constitutional amendments, which cannot easily be amended further. J&K's conversion into a UT, on the other hand, was effected through a regular law of Parliament, which can easily be amended at the behest of a majoritarian consensus from time to time.

Special status for States is not extraordinary in the Indian Constitution. Several States in India enjoy differential rights in their relationship to the Union by constitutional design, depending on their unique cultural, ethnic and geopolitical compositions. The thinking underlying this arrangement is that the interests of States with stronger intra-group ties or ethnic bases – like Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland – are better represented in the Constitution and the structure of the government, if we account for their subjective contexts.

The Constitution of India's chosen federal principle was to honour these subjective contexts to hold together the diverse Indian States in the Union, as B.R. Ambedkar stated in the Constituent Assembly. Therefore, the evisceration of the right to full democratic participation of an entire section of people, as happened earlier this week in the case of J&K, should make us all wonder: what if more such laws are enacted, disregarding the subjective contexts of our other States and downgrading the States into Union Territories?

Malavika Prasad is a lawyer and doctoral fellow at Nalsar University of Law

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Sir, Mr. P. Madhavan wants to know the meaning of 'upbeat'."

" 'Upbeat' means 'cheerful', 'encouraging', 'optimistic'.

The play has an upbeat ending."

"Sir, Mr. M. Ravindranath wants to know the precise meaning of 'scene', 'scenery' and 'scenario'."

"The word 'scene' has several meanings. One is 'setting or location'.

This was the scene of the accident.

The other is 'view'.

The rising of the sun over the sea was a beautiful scene.

The third one is 'display of temper or commotion'.

She created a scene when she was refused admission.

'Scenario' originally meant 'the plot or outline of a play'.

Who has written the scenario of the play?

Now it is also used in the sense of detailed script or scene play for a film or TV story. It is also used to mean 'a possible or planned project', 'imagined sequence of future events'.

He spoke on literacy in this country by the end of the century. It was a gloomy scenario."

"Sir, Ms. A. R. Bhatia, Indore, wants to know whether the sentence 'I have done speaking' is correct."

"You know the meaning of 'I have spoken'. 'I have done speaking' emphasises the completion of the act of speaking.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have done speaking. If you have any questions, you may ask.

I have done singing.

I have done weeping.

In American English, 'I am' is used instead of 'I have'.

I am done speaking.

Are you done working on the book?

In American English, you can also say 'I am through' to convey the completion of the act.

I am through speaking.

We are through trying to please the boss."

"Mr. M. S. Shanti wants to know the meaning of 'gotten'."

" 'Gotten' is the old past participle of 'get'. It was used till the nineteenth century. But it is no longer used in British English except in the expression 'ill-gotten wealth'. It is used in American English. But Americans make a distinction between 'have got' and 'have gotten'. 'Have gotten' is used in the sense of 'have acquired'. 'I have got a car' means 'I own a car', 'I possess a car'. 'I have gotten a car' means 'I have acquired a car'. 'Have gotten' is not used in the sense of 'possess' or 'own'."

"Mrs. S. Robert, Pondicherry, wants to know the pronunciation of 'housewife'."

" 'Housewife' has two meanings. When it is used to mean a married woman who manages the house, it is pronounced the way 'house' plus 'wife' is pronounced. 'House' rhymes with 'mouse' and 'wife' with 'strife' and 'knife'. 'Housewife' also means 'a container for keeping things for needlework.' When it is used in this sense, the pronunciation is 'huzif; 'huz' rhymes with 'buzz' and 'if' rhymes with 'tiff'.

Published in The Hindu on February 14, 1989.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On this day in 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of the Beatles. A quiz on Lennon

Radhika Santhanam

QUESTION 1

At the Royal Variety Show in 1963, John Lennon asked the people in the cheaper seats to clap their hands. What did he ask the rest of them to "rattle"?

QUESTION 2

Lennon and Paul McCartney sang the backing vocals on which single of 'The Rolling Stones'?

QUESTION 3

'Strawberry Fields Forever' is a song written by Lennon and credited to Lennon-McCartney. According to *Rolling Stone*, Lennon viewed it as among his finest work with the Beatles. What was 'Strawberry Fields'?

QUESTION 4

Which Beatles album had all the songs written by Lennon and Mc Cartney?

QUESTION 5

The Lennon song 'How Do You Sleep' in the album 'Imagine' was seen as making unflattering remarks about which person?

QUESTION 6

Lennon said The Beatles were more popular than X. The remark triggered outrage, especially throughout the Bible Belt in the U.S. In fact, Chapman said that this statement was one of his reasons for murdering Lennon. Who is X?

Visual question:

The picture shows the Beatles receiving the Member of the Order of the British Empire. Lennon returned his MBE later citing three reasons: one, Britain's involvement in the Nigerian civil war and two, its support of America in Vietnam. What the third reason?

Question and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This syndrome describes a situation where there is extreme non-cooperation and resistance from hostages towards their captors. **Ans: London syndrome. It is named after a 1980 takeover of the Iranian embassy in London by Iranian separatists demanding the release of a list of prisoners**

2. The sense of extreme disappointment exhibited by some individuals when visiting this city. **Ans: Paris syndrome**

3. In this syndrome, western travellers to this country experience a form of psychosis. **Ans: India syndrome**

4. People suffering from this syndrome see this place as a symbol of death. **Ans: Venice syndrome**

5. This is a group of mental phenomena involving religiously themed obsessive ideas and delusions that are triggered by a visit to this city. **Ans: Jerusalem syndrome**

Visual: Identify the syndrome named after this man. **Ans: Stendhal syndrome**

Early Bird: Shubhi Verma

Word of the day

Powder keg:
a potentially explosive state

Synonyms: minefield, dangerous

Usage: *Far from moving away from the ethnic quagmire and in search of a détente, the situation in Manipur is more like a powder keg.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/powderkegpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpaʊ.də ˌkeg/

For feedback and suggestions for Text & Context, please write to **letters@thehindu.co.in** with the subject 'Text & Context'

NHAI takes concrete step against those not paying toll on expressway

It has placed barricades at different access points along both the service roads and the main carriageway of Bengaluru–Mysuru Expressway

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

As motorists are trying to evade paying toll by swerving into and out of the access-controlled Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway before and after toll gates, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has strategically placed concrete barricades at different access points along both the service roads and the main carriageway.

According to NHAI officials, ever since toll collection began at the three toll plazas along the access-controlled expressway, many motorists have been found to be avoiding the toll by taking the service roads and entering the main carriageway after the toll gate through the entry and exit points.

NHAI sources said: "The act of toll evasion by highway users has been on the rise, resulting in a substantial revenue loss. In response, a strategic measure has been taken. Specific entry and exit points are being blocked through the installation of sturdy concrete barriers near the toll plazas situated in Gananguru, Sheshagirihalli, and Kaniminike."

Many motorists have been found to be avoiding the toll by taking the service roads and entering the main carriageway after the tollgate through the entry and exit points of the motorway. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The officials said that the presence of convenient access points in close proximity to Ramanagara, Mandya, Maddur, Channapatana, and Srirangapatna facilitate easy entry and exit from the parallel service roads alongside the highway. This setup is being misused by numerous individuals leveraging these points to effectively circumvent paying toll.

Over the past few days, cranes have been employed to strategically position concrete barricades at locations where drivers previously circumvented toll gates.

Meanwhile, the closure of certain highway access points might cause inconvenience for villagers who frequently use these routes. However, NHAI officials said that designated entry and exit points have been arranged for the villagers, and these specific routes will remain unobstructed.

Starting August 1, the NHAI banned two-wheelers, autos, tractors, non-motorised vehicles, multi-axle hydraulic trailer vehicles, and quadricycles from using the main carriageway. This decision followed a surge in accidents, including fatal ones.

In a bid to stem the number of accidents on the access= controlled highway, the police have also deployed mobile speed radar guns to book motorists crossing the permissible limit of 100 kmph.

Earlier, the NHAI had said that this access-controlled expressway had been developed as a high-speed corridor, and the maximum speed limit for motor vehicles of various descriptions have been notified, varying between 80 kmph and 100 kmph.

Conservationists fear elevated corridor over BNP will harm wildlife

A herd of sambar deer in the Bannerghatta Biological Park. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Sources said the BNP Eco Sensitive Zone notification does not issue a blanket ban on widening, strengthening the existing roads and construction of new roads but it stipulates mitigatory measures as per the applicable rules and regulations

Will the State Wildlife Board's clearance for an elevated corridor over Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) to ease traffic escalate conflict situation in the peripheral areas?

That is the question doing rounds with conservationists of the view that the corridor alignment cuts through elephant habitat.

The board, which met in Bengaluru on Tuesday (Aug 22), cleared the proposal for the Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR) project that will connect seven towns around Bengaluru besides decongesting the Bengaluru city roads.

The elevated stretch is part of the 280-km long STRR and the work is expected to be completed by December 2025.

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Construction time

Expressing concern over the developments, a section of conservationists pointed out that about 19.09 hectares of forest land will be affected by the nearly 6.3 km-long highway project.

But what is important is that the construction period will span many years and in the interim cause damage and disturbance to the surrounding landscape and escalate conflict which is already high in the region.

Sanjay Gubbi, a conservation biologist, pointed out that Bannerghatta National Park is a very linear protected area with forest areas as narrow as 300 metres in some parts.

Hence, it needs to be ensured that the mitigation measures are planned and designed based on scientific studies and not on an ad-hoc basis. It should involve a good understanding of wildlife movement patterns especially that of elephants, he added.

It will reduce the habitat available for elephants and increase the conflict in the long run as there are nearly 100 elephants that use the landscape.

Besides, Bannerghatta has two tigers and thus Bengaluru is the only city in the country with tigers, a substantial population of elephants, leopards, dholes, and gaur all right at its edge, said Mr. Gubbi.

Other experts said what is important is the alignment of the elevated corridor and the mitigatory measures tend to read fine on paper but the impact on wildlife will be substantial during the construction phase.

Consequent to clearance from the State Board for Wildlife, it will now be referred for clearance from National Board for Wildlife.

Gang arrested on the charge of stealing saris

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Central division police on Wednesday caught a six-member gang that was allegedly stealing silk saris from showrooms posing as prospective customers.

The accused, including three women from Andhra Pradesh, would visit showrooms in the Central Business District of the city posing as customers and asking for expensive saris for a wedding. The accused would check over 100 saris and keep the staff busy while other members allegedly stole the most expensive saris diverting the attention of the staff and leave without buying anything.

The racket came to light when one of the showroom staff noticed the saris missing and checked the CCTV camera footage and complained to the police.

Based on a complaint, the police analysed footage from several CCTV cameras and tracked down the accused based on the vehicle they used to commute.

The accused have been identified as Bharath, Smitha, Shivaram Prasad, Venkatesh, Rani, and Shivakumar.

With their arrest, the police have solved three cases reported in Cubbon Park, Ashoknagar, and High Grounds police station limits.

The police have also recovered saris worth ₹10 lakh from them and further investigation is on to track down three more accused who are on the run.

'Let Dept. of Pre-University Education hold exams'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the State government has announced the withdrawal of the National Education Policy (NEP) - 2020, the Karnataka State Pre-University College Lecturers' Association has appealed to the government to restore the responsibility of the Department of School Education (Pre-University) to hold pre-university exams.

In 2022-23, with the implementation of the NEP-2020, the government had formed a new Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) and it was tasked with holding exams for both Classes X and XII.

Association members met Minister for Department of School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangrappa on Wednesday and appealed to him to reverse all changes brought in while implementing NEP-2020 in the department.

Ningegowda A.H., president of the association, said that given that the Department of School Education (Pre-University) was headed by a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and has the experience of conducting exams for years, the department should be again entrusted with the examinations.

He also demanded that the Department of School Education (Pre-University) should be renamed as the Department of Pre-University Education as before.

PT & PE merger is against 2011 decision of National Board for Wildlife: Activist

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

There are concerns that merging Project Tiger with Project Elephant will dilute the focus on tiger conservation. M.A. SRIRAM

The merger of Project Tiger (PT) and Project Elephant (PE) is in contravention of the earlier decision of the National Board for Wildlife which had opposed such a proposal in 2011.

This has been pointed out by conservation activist Giridhar Kulkarni who says that the proposal by the Planning Commission to merge three centrally funded projects - PT, PE, and Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats - had been shelved in aforesaid year as members of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) had opposed it, describing it as a retrograde step. Besides, the NBWL had stated that such a move would adversely impact efforts to conserve wildlife and nature, said Mr. Kulkarni who had written to the Centre to rescind the merger order.

The merger had not only left the Forest Department officials divided over the wisdom of such a move but also miffed conservationists on the grounds that it would dilute the focus of both the flagship conservation programmes. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) announced the merger in April and notified PT as Project Tiger and Elephant (PTE).

The administrative approval was received in June and the Additional Director-General of Forests - Project Tiger (ADG-PT) was redesignated as ADGF (PT &E). In addition, the Inspector-General of Forests PT was brought under ADGF (PT & E), creating an apprehension that Project Tiger in the year of its 50th anniversary, had lost its identity.

Questioning the move, Mr. Kulkarni, in a letter (dated August 13th, 2023) to MoEF & CC said that the move was against the key recommendations of the Tiger Task Force, 2005 which had called for strengthening the role of Project Tiger Directorate in monitoring and coordination, and had recommended according it administrative autonomy, besides making PT to report annually to Parliament.

Mr. Kulkarni said the National Tiger Conservation Authority which evolved as a result, had a single-minded focused attention on conserving tigers and was disconnected from the tentacles of the vast bureaucracy. This, Mr. Kulkarni, argued, had put the endangered tiger on an assured path of recovery by saving it from extinction as revealed by the recent findings of the All-India Tiger estimation using refined methodology.

In a subsequent letter dated August 20th, 2023, Mr. Kulkarni pointed out that a similar proposal by the Planning Commission was rejected by NBWL.

Pointing out that Project Elephant had always received a step-motherly treatment with no strategic plan to strengthen it, Mr. Kulkarni expressed concern that Project Tiger, consequent to its merger with Project Elephant, would be bogged down in the bureaucratic quagmire of MOEF & CC.

"The unnecessary move of merging two divisions of the ministry defeats the purpose of creating statutory bodies like NTCA, and it will have far-reaching implications for tiger conservation in India," said Mr. Kulkarni in his letter to the Centre.

21 fall ill in two Yadgir villages after drinking contaminated water

The Hindu Bureau
YADGIR

As many as 21 people from Gazarkot and Shivapur villages in Yadgir district have fallen ill with vomiting and diarrhoea after consuming contaminated water. The incident came to light on Monday morning and the number of people falling ill has risen to 21 now (Wednesday).

According to Taluk Health Officer of Yadgir Hanumanth Reddy, who is supervising the situation, said that five people are getting treatment and of these, two each are in the health centres of Gazarkot and Gurmitkal and one is in the District Hospital in Yadgir.

"Out of the 21, eight have been admitted in hospitals, while 12 were given treatment at Public Health Centre in Gazarkot on Monday and discharged. On Wednesday, two people were admitted to hospital with vomiting and diarrhoea," he said.

Meanwhile, villagers said that drinking water being supplied to them is mixed with drainage water leading to health issues.

Officials of the Health Department said that the situation is under control. And, Zilla Panchayat officials have started providing drinking water through tankers in the affected places.

Deputy Commissioner B. Susheela held a meeting on Wednesday to take stock of the situation. "Take all possible preventive measures and provide better treatment to people who are in the health care centres and also provide potable drinking water in the affected villages," Dr. Susheela advised officers.

It may be recalled that in February 2023, three residents died at Anapur village in Gurmitkal taluk after drinking contaminated water.

'Pet industry likely to be worth ₹20,000 cr. by 2025'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that the pet industry is likely to be worth around ₹20,000 crore in India by 2025, Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil on Tuesday said the State government was committed to supporting initiatives for best practices in the pet industry.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-tender through e-procurement platform at https://tntenders.gov.in as per the instructions in the tender specification Coal (SHIP) -136 Dated 21.08.2023 for time chartering of One Self-Trimming Panamax/Kamsarmax gearless vessel for coastal movement of coal by TANGEDCO:

Sl. No.	Specification No.	Description of Work/Materials	Due date & Time for submission of e-tender
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232413 003558	Procurement of Sodium Hydrosulphite for Unit - I	08.09.2023
232423 002013	Procurement of Horizontal Tensile Tester	08.09.2023
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.7038 / S2 / 2023 Dated : 23.08.2023

Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) invites Tender for establishment of a Project Management Unit (PMU) for Khelo India Youth Games 2023 in Tamil Nadu.

Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.1,00,000/- in the form of DD

Date of Prebid Meeting	31.08.2023, 11.00 a.m.
Last date of submission of tender	11.09.2023, 3.00 p.m.
Date of Tender opening	11.09.2023, 4.00 p.m.

Note: For complete details and tender documents visit www.sdat.tn.gov.in

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At SC hearing, State to stress on 'scientific distress formula' for sharing Cauvery waters

Siddaramaiah to lead all-party delegation to Prime Minister to explain the ground realities in the Cauvery water-sharing dispute

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka will take an-all party delegation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to explain the ground realities in the Cauvery river water-sharing dispute. In addition, the State would seek a "scientific distress formula" to share Cauvery water among the riparian States during its arguments in the Supreme Court, scheduled for Friday.

"Opposition parties, BJP and Janata Dal (Secular), have agreed to cooperate with the government. We will explain the ground realities in the Cauvery issue to the Prime Minister. The all-party delegation will also urge him to notify the Krishna Tribunal 2 award and seek forest clearances for the Mahadayi drinking water project," Mr. Siddaramaiah told mediapersons after chairing the all-party meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

"The delegation will also meet Ministers of Jal Shakti, and environment, forests and climate change seeking clearances for Mekedatu and Mahadayi projects."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, former Chief Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy, Basavaraj Bommai, and B.S. Yediyurappa at a meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

How Mahadayi will help

Stating that there was a unanimous opinion that there should be no politics in effort to protect the State's water, land, and language, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "There are two important things for the State now. One is the formula to share Cauvery water during distress years, and the need for permission for Mekedatu balancing reservoir. The Mekedatu project will have a storage capacity of 67 tmcft of water. It will help release of water during distress years."

When his reaction was sought over the allegation of BJP that the State delayed its response on the Cauvery issue, he said: "Tamil Nadu always argues that Karnataka does not follow orders. We did not want that to happen. That is why the meeting has been called now. Meanwhile, we have sought reconsideration of the order of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (that has directed release of 10,000 cusecs daily for 15 days)."

Data on water release

Providing data on the release of water, the Chief Minister said: "Between June and August, Karnataka has to release 86.38 tmcft of water, as per the February 2018 order of the Supreme Court. However, due to poor rainfall in the catchment areas of Cauvery, Kabini, Harangi, and Hemavathi, we were unable to release the stipulated amount of water. As on August 20, Karnataka released a total of 24.05 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu."

He said that Karnataka is facing rain deficiency this year, and it is a cycle that happens once in six years. "While the State received excess rainfall in July, it had deficient rainfall in June and August."

Mr. Siddaramaiah accused Tamil Nadu of utilising more water for its kuruvai crop this year. "Tamil Nadu is allocated 32 tmcft of water to meet the needs of 1.85 lakh acres. However, it has utilised about 60 tmcft of water and expanded the area of cultivation. Despite the problem we are facing, they are now seeking more water. There is no scientific distress formula that has been framed either by the Supreme Court or the tribunal."

Sources said that there cannot be a "mathematical formula" to calculate distress. "Each distress year should be treated differently. Opening balance of the reservoir, area under cultivation, and rainfall among many other parameters need to be taken into account for each distress year," said the source.

Cauvery water released to T.N. so far

Month	Stipulated release	Actual release	Last year release
June	9.19 tmcft	2.80 tmcft	16.46 tmcft
July	31.24 tmcft	8.74 tmcft	106.93 tmcft
August	45.95 tmcft	12.47 tmcft (as of August 20)	223.57 tmcft

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>
> **SIDDARAMAIAH**
> Chief Minister

> The all-party meeting should have been convened before releasing water. Karnataka should have approached the court first. The government has failed there. When it comes to issues of water, land, and language, it is not about politics.
>
> **H.D. KUMARASWAMY**
> JD(S) leader

> Government should ensure that the arguments in SC are effective in creating awareness about the ground realities. We believe Karnataka's arguments before CWMA were not effective. Releasing 10,000 cusecs is dangerous for the State.
>
> **BASAVARAJ BOMMAI**
> BJP leader

Why trouble starts in rain-deficient year and what can be done

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The demand for a scientific distress formula, according to Karnataka Water Resources Department officials, stems from the fact that currently the allocation for the States in a distress year is "ad hoc", and both the Cauvery tribunal and the Supreme Court have not clearly spelt out the formula.

"Cauvery Water Management Authority is in the process of drawing up the formula and it is there on the agenda. The last 30 years' rainfall average and storage in reservoir is taken into consideration before allocating the quantum in the distress year currently," sources said.

As per Clause VII of CWDT award, as modified by the Supreme Court order of February 16, 2018, the court noted: "In case the yield of Cauvery basin is less in a distress year, the allocated shares shall be proportionally reduced among the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry."

Ground-truthing exercise begins to ascertain if drought can be declared in around 120 taluks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has taken up ground-truthing exercise to know if the situation provides for declaration of drought in about 120 taluks that are facing shortage of rainfall.

A decision was taken on Tuesday at a meeting of the Cabinet sub-committee that looks into recommendation to the State Cabinet on drought.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, who heads the Cabinet sub-committee, told *The Hindu* that the ground-level assessment began on Tuesday. He said the Deputy Commissioners had been asked to take up the exercise of assessment of condition of crops in different villages as per the requirement.

The government would get reports from them within 10 days, he said. "The Cabinet sub-committee will meet again after getting the reports and take a call on recommending to the Cabinet on declaration of drought in areas that conform to the prescribed norms," Mr. Byre Gowda said.

The drought manual specifies various conditions including three consecutive weeks of dry spell, less than 75% of crop coverage in the targeted area, and more than 50% of crop loss to get qualified to be declared as drought-hit, he explained.

Incidentally, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah recently urged the Centre to bring changes to the Manual for Drought Management 2016 (updated in 2020) for declaration of drought by States, arguing that it is necessary to have different parameters to declare drought in 14 agro-climatic zones in Karnataka in the light of dire situation caused by erratic weather.

One more assessment

Mr. Byre Gowda said that the government had decided to take up this exercise of ground-level assessment again after 10 to 15 days as more number of taluks are expected to face dry spell.

The Agriculture Department had indicated that the crops were in the beginning stage of deterioration. If the dry spell continues for one more week, the sustenance of standing crops would be difficult, the Minister said.

148 acres of forest land recovered in Kolar district

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Forest Department officials have recovered 148 acres encroached by the land mafia in and around Srinivasapura town in Kolar district. Following instructions from Minister Eshwar Khandre, the department officials began the operation on Wednesday, said a press release.

Conduct trial of all sessions cases on a day-to-day basis: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed all trial courts in the State to conduct trial of all sessions cases on a day-to-day basis as mandated under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC), and record reasons in writing when day-to-day conduct of trial proceedings is not possible.

Justice K. Natarajan issued the direction while pointing out that the accused in many sessions cases were approaching the High Court seeking bail on the grounds that there was a delay in the conduct of trial by court of sessions.

"Most of the sessions judges are not conducting the trial with letter and spirit by following the directions of the Supreme Court and as per the mandate of the Cr.PC for conducting the trial on day-today basis by following Section 309 of Cr.PC," the HC observed.

It noted that as per Section 309 of the Cr.PC in every trial the conduct of proceedings should be continued from day-to-day until all the witnesses in attendance have been examined, unless the court found the adjournment of the same beyond the following day to be necessary for reasons to be recorded.

Also, it said that SC had asked all High Courts "to take note of the conduct of any trial judge who violates the above legislative mandate and to adopt such administrative action against the delinquent judicial officer as the law permits".

CM condoles death of statistician C.R. Rao

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah mourned the death of Indian-American statistician Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, who passed away on Wednesday at the age of 102. Conveying his condolences to the bereaved family members, the Chief Minister recalled Rao's services in the field of statistics.

Rao was born to a Telugu family in Hadagali, Ballari, the then Madras Presidency (now in Karnataka). He was recently awarded the International Prize in Statistics, which is statistics' equivalent to the Nobel Prize. His monumental work across branches of statistics and its applications is noteworthy.

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General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase the land described in the schedule below, and negotiations for the same is in process. Meanwhile, I am instructed to carry out due diligence of the schedule properties and I have undertaken scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the respective owners and any person/s claiming under them. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to ascertain if there are any person/s interested in the schedule properties or opposing the sale/development or otherwise of the schedule properties. Therefore, any person/s, any financial institution/s, GPA holder/s, entity, company, firm or body corporate claiming any right, title, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties by my client is hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within fifteen days from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

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3	14/p29 (old Sy. No. 14)	2	00	Land in Sy No. 97	Land in Sy. No. 96 & 95/2	Land in Sy. No.84	Land in Sy. No.14	Suresh
4	84 (old Sy. No. 14)	4	35	Land in Sy. No.14	Land in Sy. No.14	Road	Land in Sy. No.96	Vishwanath
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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1 Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.
No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/Airportline-2B/2023-24 Date: 22.08.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD, Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 98 SPQ(E) 2023 Bangalore dated 05-08-2023 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated 05-08-2023.

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned, Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale, Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on **06-09-2023 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

Schedule
Enquiry Date: 06-09-2023, Time: 11.30 am
Viliage: Vijinapura Hobli: Mahadevapura
Taluk: Bengaluru East District: Bengaluru

SL No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr.)
1	Faranna W/o H.S. Amanulla	KRRS-9A-1	92/2	92/2A/1	61.21
2	1) Salmabhanu D/o Dastagier sheriff 2) Maajubee W/o Dastagier shariff	KRRS-9A-2(A) KRRS-9A-2 (B)	92/2	92/2A/1	55.39 32.24
3	Government Choultry village Accountant Office and Residence Construction	KRRS-9A-3	68	-	63.46
4	1. Balachandra S/o Channaiah 2. Lakshmidevi W/o Balachandra	KRRS-9A-4	68	-	31.66
5	1. Dibbaiah S/o Late: Kondaiah 2. Chanchamma W/o Dibbaiah	KRRS-9A-5	68	Sl. No. 602	16.01
6	1. Polamma W/o Malakondaiah 2. Malakondaiah	KRRS-9A-6	68	Sl. No. 583	11.60
7	1. B. Ramaram S/o Late Obaiah 2. Bhagya W/o B Ramaram	KRRS-9A-7	68	-	8.17
8	1. B. Govindaiah S/o Naraiah 2. Channamma W/o B Govindaiah	KRRS-9A-8	68	Sl NO 619	6.84
9	1. Adhinarayana S/o Late Peddaiah 2. Adhi Lakshmi W/o Adinarayana	KRRS-9A-9	68	-	5.01
10	1. Shridhar S/o Nagaiah 2. Padma W/o Shridhar	KRRS-9A-10	68	Sl. No. 582	5.12
11	1. R. Kumar S/o Rajagopal 2. Rani W/o R. Kumar	KRRS-9A-11	68	-	1.00
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a) Last date for ONLINE SUBMISSION of Tender is **01/09/2023** upto **15:00 hrs**.
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Delimitation saga: Wards reduced to 225 ahead of BBMP polls

Repeated demands to publish digital interactive maps of the proposed wards and to allow objections to be filed online have fallen on deaf ears

EXPLAINER

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The last time wards in the civic body were carved out was in 2008 when Bangalore City Corporation was expanded to BBMP. FILE PHOTO

The story so far

The Karnataka government has put out a draft of the new delimited 225 wards with their names, boundaries, and printed maps calling for objections from the public. Repeated demands to publish digital interactive maps of the proposed wards and to allow objections to be filed online have fallen on deaf ears this time too, making the process cumbersome.

While it is hoped that this draft is the culmination of a long process that began in 2019 and saw multiple iterations owing to allegations of political bias, inaccuracies, lack of equitability, and a regime change, this is also likely to be challenged in court, sources said.

Delimitation process

The last time wards in the civic body were carved out was in 2008 when Bangalore City Corporation was expanded into Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), to include 110 villages and several city and town municipal corporations. In 2019, in the run-up to the civic polls scheduled to be held in 2020, Bengaluru's ward delimitation process began.

As outer zones in the city, the newly added areas to BBMP, have seen exponential growth over the past decade and a half, there was no parity between wards in outer zones and the core city. While outer zones had large wards both in terms of area and population, the core city had more wards of smaller areas and population.

The ward delimitation exercise is aimed to set this right. In 2019, with the number of wards frozen at 198, Assembly constituencies within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) were supposed to lose 17 wards and outer zones were all set to gain 17 wards to help their ward sizes to be on a par with those in the core city.

Even as the city council's term ended in September 2020, right amidst a raging pandemic, holding civic polls and delimitation of wards took a back seat. Over two years have gone by with the civic body administered by bureaucrats.

From 198 to 243 wards

As the elections were delayed, two former councillors, Abdul Wajid and M. Shivaraju, of the Congress, filed a petition before the High Court of Karnataka seeking early civic polls. The State Election Commission (SEC) then went to court citing an inability to hold polls due to delay in completing the delimitation exercise and fixing the reservation list of wards.

In December 2020, the Karnataka High Court ordered the SEC to hold elections to the existing 198 wards within six weeks of the government publishing the reservation list.

Days later, the State government passed the new Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Act, 2020, which increased the number of wards from 198 to 243.

The High Court, however, ruled that the polls must be held in the existing 198 wards, which was opposed by the State government in the Supreme Court. The apex court gave a stay on the High Court order, providing an opportunity for the BJP-led State government to come up with the newly carved out 243 wards.

Political wrangles

Amidst allegations that the erstwhile BJP government was misusing the ward delimitation exercise to delay civic polls, the State government notified the delimitation of 243 wards in September 2022. Based on the 2011 census, the civic body claimed they had carved out 243 wards of roughly 34,700 population each.

However, this notification was opposed across party lines. Senior Congress leader Ramalinga Reddy had then alleged that the delimitation exercise was carried out in "Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) offices", targeted not only opposition parties and benefitted BJP, but also minority pockets which were divided in such a way that their votes do not carry a great say in the election results.

The Congress also contended that the number of wards in Assembly constituencies represented by Congress had dwindled, even as the number of wards in constituencies represented by the BJP had shot up significantly.

Multiple Congress leaders, including Chamrajpet MLA B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, challenged the delimitation notification in the High Court. Even Bommanahalli BJP MLA Satish Reddy challenged it in the High Court contending that wards have been delimited in such a way that they were spread across Assembly constituencies.

These challenges essentially delayed the civic polls till at the 2023 Assembly polls in May, which is what MLAs cutting across party lines wanted, several former city councillors allege.

Regime change

In the Assembly polls held in May 2023, Congress won a handsome victory and came to power. The Congress had opposed the BBMP Act, 2020 brought in by the BJP which it described as "a missed opportunity" and had promised to bring in governance reforms including splitting the civic body into multiple corporations, which they had initiated in their earlier tenure in 2015, but couldn't implement as the courts had mandated immediate elections then.

Even as the Congress government reconstituted the BBMP Restructuring Committee, it sought to buy time to bring in a new Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, split the civic body into multiple corporations and hold elections.

However, in June earlier this year, following the representation by the State government that it was inevitable for it to redo ward delimitation to correct errors in the earlier notification, the Karnataka High Court set a 12-week deadline to redo ward delimitation and fix the ward reservation list.

From 243 to 225 wards

Given the lack of elbow room to delay civic polls further, the State government decided to de-link governance reforms and civic polls, sources said. This essentially meant that the city would miss its date with reforms yet again, as in 2015.

Following this, senior minister and Bengaluru city MLA Ramalinga Reddy announced that civic polls will likely be held in December 2023.

The first step the government took after this was a notification to reduce the number of wards in the civic body to 225 from the earlier 243. The minimum number of wards the civic body must have as per BBMP Act, 2020, is 225. On August 18, the Urban Development Department issued a draft notification of these 225 wards. The average size of a ward has risen from 34,700 in the older draft to 37,527 in the new draft.

ECI norms

Given that the State government has used the 2011 census as the basis for ward delimitation, the new wards are already outdated on arrival. While as per the 2011 census, the city's population was 84 Lakh, the extrapolated population for 2023 is 1.32 crore.

Appeals to consider the latest electoral rolls for the delimitation exercise were rejected, because as per the Election Commission of India norms only the latest general census can be considered for the exercise. Given an inordinate delay by the Union government in starting the decennial census scheduled for 2021, the latest census data available is only of 2011.

Moreover, the reduction of 18 wards compared to the previous draft mostly comes in the Assembly constituencies represented by the BJP, drawing the party's ire. Given the spatial distribution of the BJP and the Congress in the city, most core city Assembly constituencies are represented by the Congress and most of those in outer zones by the BJP.

Outer zones

The reduction in the number of wards has also come in the outer zones, which had large wards and the whole delimitation exercise was to make them more equitable with wards in the core city.

It is also the outer zones that have seen an explosion of growth over the last decade.

Considering the 2011 census and reduction in the number of wards compared to the previous draft, though the number of wards has increased compared to the 198-ward setup, the latest delimitation would have left the wards in the outer zones still larger in terms of population than those in the core city.

This is likely to draw challenges from the BJP, which has alleged political bias. If they go to the court, the entire delimitation saga will be back to square one.

Bendre Beragu: An evening to celebrate love and creativity in Bendre's poetry

The lecture by Basavaraj Kalgudi explores the subtle relationships between love and creativity in Bendre's poetry

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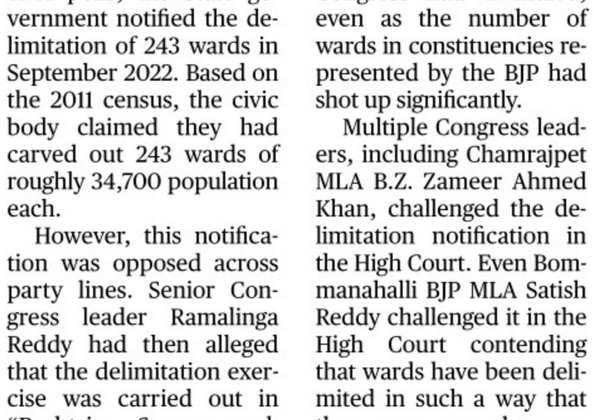

'Bendre's main philosophy is that the world without the association with nature is incomplete,' says Dr. Kalgudi.

The month of Shravana brings a string of festivals and also memories of the beautiful poetry of Dattatreya Ramachandra Bendre, the celebrated Kannada poet more popular as Da. Ra. Bendre. His poem *Shravana bantu kadige bantu nadige...* is a celebration of the spirit of the season.

On Monday, Bengalore International Centre (BIC) in Domlur provided an opportunity for the people in the City to savour the poetry of Bendre.

Bendre Beragu, an evening dedicated to Bendre's poetry, saw literature and music lovers from across the City participating in the event. The event was a double bill lecture concert with Dr. Basavaraja Kalgudi speaking on Bendre, followed by a musical rendition of Bendre's poetry by Ramachandra Hadapad and Sparsha R.K.

The talk was an attempt to identify the subtle relationships between love and creativity captured by Bendre's poetry.

New forms of literature

Interacting with the audience at BIC, Dr. Kalgudi said that the time when Kannada's most prominent poet Bendre created literature was a time when the Kannada language was looking for new forms of literature.

"It was a time when a new discovery had to be made not only in terms of linguistic expression but also in terms of material. At a time when the Kannada language was losing its existence between Marathi and Urdu in North Karnataka, there was not only a need to bring this language into social, educational usage, but also to take the language to a new height of creativity," he said.

It is significant that Bendre created a new language and style in his poetry that was very relevant to that time. New poetic language was essential for Bendre because he strongly believed that the new form was necessary not only for himself but also for the surrounding life, Dr. Kalgudi observed.

Love and suffering

A new rhythm was possible for Bendre only because of his affiliation with the *desi* (native) Bhakti tradition as Bendre knew the importance of intense love.

"For Bendre, life here is also *paramartha*. His poetry had the rhythm of adopting the essence of love in life. But his poetry knew the difficulty of this process because he knew that the sufferings of this world are enormous," said Dr. Kalgudi.

"Love in this *loukika* (temporal) world is possible in the effective union of the two principles. For Bendre, male and female, *prakriti* and *purusha*, are the two most important elements. His poetry shows that the source of creativity lies in their harmony."

"The question of what kind of essential touch is needed for words to become poem, is an intense question of Bendre's poetry. It is the firm belief of the poet that the origin of creativity is in the companionship or intense love between male-female, *prakrathi-purusha*," he added. Dr. Kalgudi also says that the influence of femininity in nature plays a huge role in Bendre's life and literary works, as in his personal life.

"Bendre's main philosophy is that the world without the association with nature is incomplete. A symbol of nature, 'the female' is a central and philosophically important element in his poetry. This sentiment is expressed by the poet in calling himself *Ambikatanaya Datta* which translates to Datta, son of Ambika," Mr. Kalgudi added.

A musical treat

The event was followed by a musical rendition of Bendre's poems by music director and singer Ramachandra Hadapad, singer and actor Sparsha R.K., along with music by Dushyanth on the keyboard, Harish on the mandolin, Jaleel Pasha on tabla and percussion, Shivamannu on the rhythm pad.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 24, 1973

Fifth Plan Outlay: Team to Hold Talks with Commission

Bangalore, Aug. 23: An officer's team is leaving here tomorrow for Delhi to put across the State's case for a Fifth Plan of the Order of Rs. 1,350 crores. The discussion with the Planning Commission are put down for August 24 and 25. The Chief Minister and the Finance Minister will join the discussion with the Planning Commission in the first week of September.

It is now apparent that the State's team will have an uphill task carrying conviction with the Planning Commission on the need for retaining the full outlay considering that the commission's original indication of the size of the Plan was only Rs. 630 cores.

Belgaum's Future: Poona Mayor's Statement Criticised

Hubli, Aug. 23: The recent statement made by the Mayors of Poona and Bombay in promising assistance for intensifying the agitation in favour of Belgaum's merger with Maharashtra came in for criticism at a meeting of the Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation yesterday. Members took particular exception to the statement made by the Poona Mayor that he was prepared to help in intensifying the agitation by sending men and money and the assertion by the Bombay Mayor that Shiv Sena would give a helping hand for the purpose.

My eyes say it all: Shivrajkumar

The veteran Kannada superstar opens up on sharing screen space with Rajinikanth and why gangster roles are a natural fit for him

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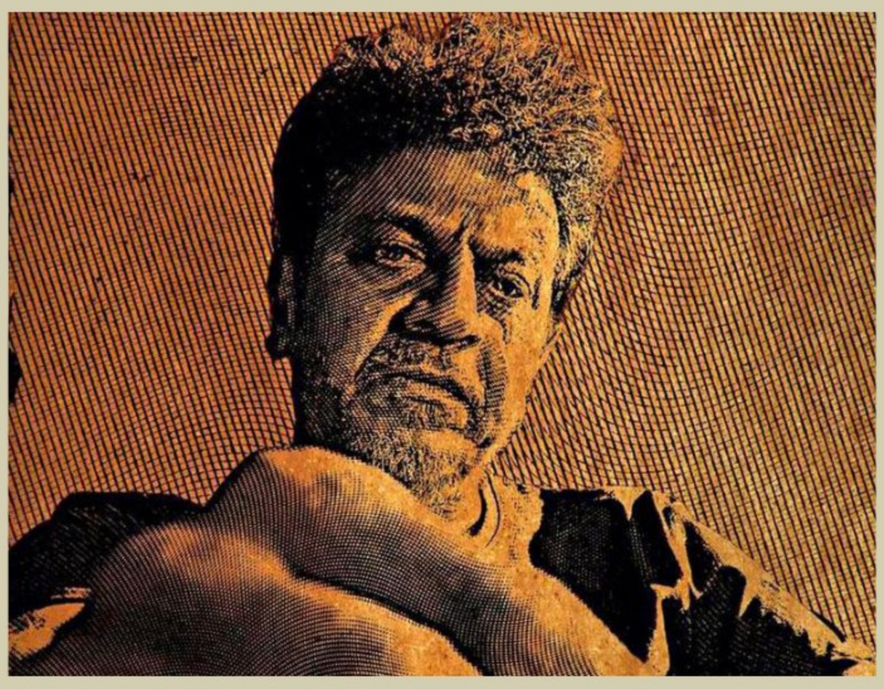


"I don't know what's happening actually," says a smiling Shivarajkumar, on the overwhelming response to his cameo in Rajinikanth's blockbuster *Jailer.* Shivanna, as he is called fondly by fans, is the buzzword on social media. Cine buffs, especially those unaware of his stardom outside Karnataka, have gone gaga over his screen presence.

"I am not active on social media; my daughter (Niveditha Shivarajkumar) looks after my accounts. I have seen the memes, reels, and pictures about my cameo in the film, and it feels great," he says. The veteran actor says he was "taken aback" when he witnessed the craze his appearance generated, particularly the second one in the pre-climax portion, while watching *Jailer* at the Woodlands Theatre in Mysuru.

"That's when I realised what magic director Nelson (Dilipkumar) created," says the 62-year-old. In *Jailer,* Shivarajkumar plays a reformed criminal Narasimha who helps the protagonist, Tiger Muthuvel Pandian (Rajinikanth), a retired jailer of Tihar prison. In the last act, Narasimha arrives in the nick of time to save Muthuvel Pandian's family from goons.

Nelson sets up the surprise nicely and elevates Shivarajkumar's entry with a slow-motion scene and Anirudh Ravichandran's thunderous score. "The director asked me to smoke a cigar and walk casually. That tension-free walk added to the character's swag. I then had to give a sharp look at the villains; Narasimha has no worries because he has trapped the baddies without their knowledge!" he recalls.

The Kannada star pulled off a rare feat of grabbing the limelight, at least momentarily, from Rajinikanth. Perhaps the last time that happened was when Ramya Krishnan portrayed Neelambari in K S Ravikumar's *Padayappa* (1999). Shivarajkumar, point however, out that Rajinikanth is the "leader of the pack and deserves all accolades for the film's success".

Having debuted in 1986 with *Anand,* Shivarajkumar – with monikers such as 'Century Star', 'Karunada Chakravarthy', and 'Hat-trick Hero' – has acted in over 125 Kannada films. Growing up, he was excited by the role of a gangster, thanks to Amitabh Bachchan. "I love Amitabh sir in suits. The way he sits, his voice, and his overall attitude in films such as *Agneepath* (1990) and *Don* (1978)... gave me a kick. He showed us that you can kill with your voice and looks."

Shivarajkumar's menacing eyes also made him an ideal candidate for the role of a 'mass hero'. His father and thespian Dr. Rajkumar was the first to spot a spark in his eyes, he recollects.

"When I did *Modada Mareyali,* my father told my mother that I emote with my eyes. My father's eyes spoke a lot in front of the camera. So getting a compliment from him was special. Later on, Upendra told me he became my fan because of my eyes. Then, popular cinematographer B C Gowrishankar told me that, after Rajkumar, the only actor he liked keeping a close-up shot of was me."

The actor, trained at MGR Government Film and Television Training Institute, says he has a 360-degree approach to a '*masala* film hero' role. "I emphasise my body language and go into detail about the character. I believe in improvisation."

Shivarajkumar's upcoming film *Ghost* terms him the 'OG', meaning the Original Gangster. It is a natural fit for him, given some of the actor's biggest hits are gangster films including <SU>*Om, Jogi,* and *Kadipuddi,* where he struck a chord with fans with his portrayal of an innocent man dragged into the big and ugly underworld. Now, post the *Jailer* mania, fans outside Karnataka want his earlier films such as *Om, Tagaru* and *Mufti* (*Pathu Thala* in Tamil) to be either dubbed in many languages, or released with subtitles.

"We are considering the idea," says Shivarajkumar. "*Om* can be dubbed, while *Tagaru* will be made in Tamil with Vikram Prabhu. *Jogi* was remade in Telugu and Tamil. And currently, I am shooting for the prequel of *Mufti,* titled *Bhairathi Ranagal,"* he adds.

This leads him to reminisce on how his hit films influenced pop culture: "*Om* was a nationwide sensation. N C Sippy wanted to remake it and introduce me in Hindi, but we had sold the film rights to someone else. When *Jogi* released, my hairstyle became a rage, and my flashy jeans in the film became designer wear!"

His next big Tamil role is in *Captain Miller,* a period action-adventure starring Dhanush.By signing non-Kannada films, he is pushing his boundaries, says Shivarajkumar. "I am not here to compete with anybody. There is no language barrier in acting, and I'd love to keep reinventing myself."

Chance glance Shivarajkumar in 'Captain Miller.' SATHYA JYOTHI FILMS/YOUTUBE

Meen Pollichathu or fish pollichathu is a dish wherein the fish is cooked with masala and wrapped in a banana leaf GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Onasadya comes home

Nidhi Adlakha

If you are dreaming of a home-cooked sadya this Onam, sans the kitchen frenzy, here are three home cooks waiting to serve you. Be it a mini sadya or an elaborate one with non-vegetarian additions, there is a lot to choose from.

A mini sadya @ Purple Plate Catering

After serving close to 1,500 sadyas last year, Paul Sudhakar at Purple Plate Catering is back with his two sadya variants this year: a 16-dish and 22-dish meal. While the former includes dishes such as *pazham pradhaman, avial, kootu* curry, *vazakka upperi*, semiyan payasam, etc, the more elaborate sadya features *boli, palada pradhaman*, among other dishes. "Based on customer requests, we also take orders for non-vegetarian dishes such as chicken fry and fish fry," says Paul who needs a minimum order of 30 sadyas, and undertakes bulk orders as well.

Prices start at ₹350, and the sadya will be available from August 25. To order, call 9620434805

Feast all year round @ Asher's Kitchen

At Asher's on Sarjapur Road, home cook Mercy Philip is busy organising fresh masalas, charaka varti, and poppadom from Kerala. "I've been catering the sadya for two years now," says the 44-year-old who hails from Kottayam and supplied over 500 sadyas last year. This year's sadya will include 21 dishes such as sambar, *kalan*, rasam, *puli inji, naranga achar, olan*, masala *kari, parippu* payasam, pal payasam, to name a few. A former teacher, Mercy explains she decided to venture into the culinary world during the pandemic years. "I started a WhatsApp group with 30 members, and now have over 1,000 people," she says, adding how they supply the sadya year-round for custom orders.

Starting at ₹300, the sadyas will be available from August 26 onwards. Bulk orders are undertaken. To order, call 7019140265

Non-vegetarian additions @ Conosh

Divya Vinod's festive curation with 20 dishes features a 750 ml container of Kerala matta rice, sambar, *avial, pachadi, thoran, moru, sharkara upperi, paal* payasam, among others.

"When I got married and moved to Bengaluru in 2001, I missed my mom's food and that's how I started cooking. I used to take up small party orders from friends and relatives, and started selling the sadya through Conosh for four years," says Divya, 45, who hails from Kannur, adding, "At home, no festival meal is complete without meat dishes, and if you would like non-vegetarian additions to the sadya, we have pepper chicken dry and beef roast as well."

Extra portions of the payasam are also available to order.

Priced at ₹679, the sadya is available on conosh.com for August 29. To prebook, call 82968 41586

standing up for dark humour

Praveen Sudevan

In an interview, Mani Ratnam talks about how he observes life as a filmmaker. The situations he encounters can be possible scenes. The people he meets can be potential characters. The emotions he witnesses can make for great drama on screen. The artist is always alert, looking for material he can use in his films, like a watchful predator scanning for prey.

It is perhaps true for every artist, says comedian Aakash Mehta, who will be in Bengaluru on August 25, 26 and 27 to perform his stand-up special, Dark. "You have to live life to write about it. So everything is fair game concerning what you can write about and use as inspiration," he says, "I'm observing everything all the time, everywhere. You have to be a person who has undergone different experiences, which adds authenticity to your art."

His stand-up special, Dark, is centred around a man who has lost everything. He uses humour to cope with divorce and life's absurdities. It dives deep into themes of morality and right versus wrong.

Despite doing dark comedy, Aakash does not necessarily feel wary of any topic except two: "religion and the ruling party."

"Religion, especially, is a big part of my life. So, it's a bit disappointing that I cannot talk about it. But otherwise, I don't feel restricted. You can talk about what you want. You just need to know how to talk about it. You can't talk about things without tact and expect people to accept that."

Studying law has helped him in two ways: "One: I don't have to consult a lawyer if I get into trouble with my jokes," he laughs, "And, two: I can think about something from different angles, which helps me write my jokes."

Unlike many comedians, Aakash does not literally write his jokes. "About 95% of it happens within my mind," he says. It is partly improv. Through experiences and research, he acquires topics he likes to discuss. The jokes become the vehicle for his opinions on these topics. "On stage, the jokes flow naturally, almost as if they write themselves. I don't need to put separate effort into constructing them."

Though Aakash is not bothered if his jokes will offend people ("it's inevitable," he says), he is concerned if they will hurt someone.

"I am careful about not kicking someone when they are down. On the other hand, you have to accept that you will upset someone. There are people who message me saying, 'You have ruined my life!' And I'll be like, 'That's your problem, man. A video can't ruin your life!'"

Tickets for 'Dark' are on bookmyshow.com

CITYBEATS

Feel the beat

AUGUST 26 AND 27, RESPECTIVELY
Social presents an evening of techno music featuring Neux, Twokid Wicked, Alina and Bhish.
Juicebox Music presents 'Phase' a pop-up that creates an immersive experience for the artists and audience featuring Praveen Achary, Aman Anand and Haen.
At Indiranagar SOCIAL, 8pm. Tickets on Indisder.in.

Paws and tails

AUGUST 26, 4PM
Be a part of paw-some International Dog Day Celebration – Woofiesta organised by Stone Street. There will be a range of treats for humans and pets, with special stalls provided by 'Being Dogs', which will have a display of treats and goodies designed specifically for pets.
At Stone Street, Garuda BHIVE Workspace, BTM Layout. Call 9632452266.

Musical masterclass

AUGUST 27, 10AM
Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa), founded by violin maestro L Subramaniam, is having a Carnatic music masterclass. It will be led by singer Mahesh Vinayakram, son of ghatam legend Padma Bhushan TH Vikku Vinayakram. He is also a UNESCO Millennium Award winner.
At Vijayashree Auditorium, SaPa Sanjaynagar. Details and registrations on Insider.in

'Only tourism project is coming up on Rushikonda'

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

Clearing the air on the controversies surrounding the project that is coming up on Rushikonda hill, senior YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Y.V. Subba Reddy says that "as of now, it has been notified as a tourism project, which shall comprise a hotel, and is being developed by the A.P. Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC)."

Speaking to presspersons here on Wednesday, Mr. Subba Reddy said the APTDC hotel that had existed was demolished to build a new one.

"As of now, there is no ambiguity in it. The future is left to the government to decide." He said the opposition parties were unnecessarily raising the issue for political mileage.

'Tsunamis can hit Indian coasts from two regions'

Former NGRI director says big earthquakes are likely to occur in two regions of the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, on either side of the Indian sea coasts, which could cause tsunamis

V. Geetanath
HYDERABAD

The eighth national conference of OSICON 23 was inaugurated at INCOIS in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Indian earth science scientists have deduced that tsunamis can hit the Indian coast only when a big earthquake occurs on the sea bed in the 4,000 km Java-Sumatra region of the Indian Ocean on the east coast and the Makran region in the north Arabian Sea on the west coast.

"Unlike the Pacific Ocean, where there are regular earthquakes on the sea bed with a magnitude of 7 or more on Richter Scale, big earthquakes are likely to occur in these two regions of the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea, on either side of the Indian sea coasts, which could cause tsunamis," said former secretary of the Department of Ocean Development and ex-director of National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) Harsh K. Gupta on Wednesday.

Addressing top scientists, technologists and researchers at the Eighth National Conference of Ocean Society of India (OSICON 23) under way at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Services Information (INCOIS) here till August 25, the top scientist said that the December 2004 tsunami, which hit the Indian coast due to an earthquake of the magnitude of 9.2, was way bigger than the Hiroshima atom bomb on the Sumatra-Andamans belt.

Post the 2004 tsunami devastation (about 2.50 lakh deaths, including more than 10,000 in India), Indian scientists decided to focus on these two regions for fairly accurate warnings by placing deep ocean bottom recorders - five in the Indian Ocean and two in the north Arabian Sea.

"This was done to prevent any false alarms whenever there is a quake under the ocean, as it could make people complacent when the real one occurs," said Dr. Gupta.

Collector has been told to stop work at CPI(M) office, State tells HC

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala government on Wednesday informed the Kerala High Court that the Idukki District Collector had been directed to issue memos stopping the construction of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) area committee office building at Santhanpara in the district.

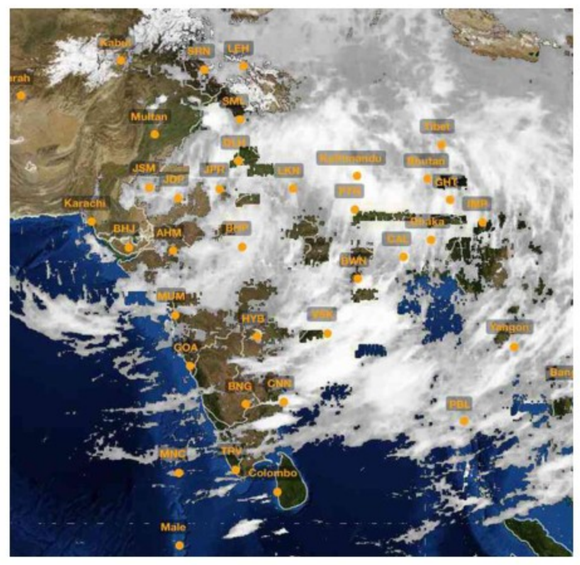
The submission was made by the government pleader when a case against encroachments and illegal constructions in Munnar and other parts of Idukki district was taken up for hearing following a submission that construction was in full swing despite a directive of the High Court.

The pleader also submitted that the District Police Chief had also been communicated about the court order. The delay in taking action was because the government had not yet received a copy of the High Court order.

The Bench also observed that it understood that unless the District Collector received the court order, action could not be taken. The Bench on Tuesday directed the District Collector to forthwith stop the construction of the building for the CPI(M) office. The court also directed that if the construction was made in violation of the orders passed by revenue authorities, no occupancy certificate shall be issued.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.9	25.4	Kozhikode	—	33.4	25.5
Ahmedabad	0.2	34.6	26.2	Kurnool	—	36.0	26.2
Aizawl	99	—	—	Lucknow	48.8	32.5	24.7
Allahabad	43.1	—	24.6	Madurai	6.3	38.5	23.7
Bengaluru	—	30.0	—	Mangaluru	—	34.7	23.9
Bhopal	0.2	—	23.8	Mumbai	5.4	30.7	25.8
Bhubaneswar	11.1	33.1	25.7	Mysuru	—	32.0	—
Chandigarh	84	31.6	24.6	New Delhi	0.2	28.8	25.6
Chennai	68.4	32.9	23.4	Patna	8.2	29.4	26.7
Coimbatore	—	34.7	23.9	Port Blair	14.6	29.0	24.2
Dehradun	41.9	27.6	23.6	Puducherry	—	33.1	27.0
Gangtok	15	19.6	17.6	Pune	2.2	31.0	21.0
Goa	—	—	24.0	Raipur	—	32.2	26.5
Guwahati	6.9	—	24.9	Ranchi	0.2	—	24.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	6	—	16.9
Hyderabad	—	32.8	24.2	Shimla	132.1	—	17.7
Imphal	99	—	—	Srinagar	—	—	20.8
Jaipur	1.8	—	26.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.7	25.9
Kochi	—	31.4	26.8	Tiruchi	—	37.7	25.4
Kohima	3	—	19.5	Vijayawada	18.8	35.4	26.4
Kolkata	—	32.5	28.6	Visakhapatnam	—	33.2	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	4	.92	87	89	
Bengaluru	7	—	.38	247	136	
Chennai	8	.74	.90	94	74	
Delhi	—	7	129	71	72	
Hyderabad	5	.39	.13	65	106	
Kolkata	.11	.18	.26	55	51	
Lucknow	4	7	.78	29	41	
Mumbai	.30	2	107	39	2	
Pune	133	220	111	47	42	
Visakhapatnam	.18	.34	.64	69	97	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dausa, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 204 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Manguraha, Bihar recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

ED freezes CPI(M) MLA Moideen's bank accounts

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) that conducted searches at the residence and office of former Minister and Communist Party of India (Marxist) MLA A.C. Moideen, in connection with the multi-crore loan scam at Karuvannur Service Cooperative Bank, took steps to freeze his two bank accounts on Wednesday. It is reported that these accounts have around ₹30 lakh.

The ED also issued a directive to freeze the accounts of Anil Seth of Maharashtra, who deals with pledged gold, and Satheesh of Kannur, a money lender.

According to reports, the ED may ask Mr. Moideen to appear for questioning soon.

The ED conducted searches at the residence of Mr. Moideen in Thekkumkara, near Wadakkanchery, from Tuesday morning. The searches lasted for 22 hours. The ED sleuths left at 5.15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Congress workers taking out a protest rally to the residence of MLA A.C. Moideen where ED conducted searches. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Moideen, who alleged the searches as part of an agenda, denied any role in the loan scam. He termed the searches "preplanned" and said he would cooperate with any investigation.

Addressing mediapersons, Mr. Moideen said, "The ED officials searched the entire premises. My bank account details, as well as those of my wife and daughter, were examined. The property documents kept at the house were also examined."

Moideen, 67, is a senior CPI(M) leader and he represents the Kunnamkulam constituency in the Assembly.

(With PTI inputs)

माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी राष्ट्रीय पत्रकारिता एवं संचार विश्वविद्यालय
बिसनखेड़ी परिसर, म.प्र. शूटिंग अकादमी के सामने, भोपाल-462044
फोन : 0755-2993864, ई-मेल : mcudre.rajesh@gmail.com

उत्तरपुस्तिका मुद्रण निविदा सूचना

विश्वविद्यालय अनुमानित 14 लाख (चौदह लाख) 36 पृष्ठीय उत्तरपुस्तिकाएं ओ.एम.आर. शीट के साथ एवं 3 लाख (तीन लाख) 8 पृष्ठीय प्रायोगिक उत्तरपुस्तिकाओं के मुद्रण हेतु तकनीकी और वित्तीय सीलबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित करता है। निविदा फार्म विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट **www.mcu.ac.in** से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं। निर्धारित शुल्क का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट जो कुलसचिव, माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी राष्ट्रीय पत्रकारिता एवं संचार विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल के पक्ष में देय हो, के साथ निविदा फार्म कार्यालयीन समय में बिसनखेड़ी परिसर में स्थित परीक्षा विभाग में **दिनांक 11 सितम्बर, 2023 अपरान्ह 2 बजे तक** स्वीकार किये जाएंगे। निविदाएं दिनांक 11 सितम्बर, 2023 को उसी स्थान पर अपरान्ह 3 बजे खोली जाएंगीं। बिना कारण बताए निविदाओं को निरस्त करने का अधिकार विश्वविद्यालय को होगा।

म.प्र. माध्यम/111580/2023 **कुलसचिव**

RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.
Tender Notice No.: 04/2023-24 Date: 21.08.2023
Notice Inviting Tender
Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through KPPP portal related to 28 works (inclusive of Package) of Tarikere Taluk of Chikkamagaluru District. Min. Amount is Rs.3.17 lakhs and Max. Amount is Rs. 71.11 lakhs. Details regarding undertaking or having implemented work as per Standard Tender Document-KW 1, 2, 3 & 4 should be attached. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act1. Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 21.08.2023 to 11.09.2023 up to 5.00 PM. Tender will be opened on 12.09.2023 at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.W.S & S.Division,Chikkamagalur
DIPR/ckm/No.357/ksmca/23-24/358

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/2023-24/1504 Dated:22.08.2023
SHORT TERM QUOTATION
This office has invited short-term quotation from Registered Consultant for preparation of estimate sheet for proposed work
1) Consultancy Services for preparation of PFR for UKP stage-I&II Schemes coming under Dam zone, Almatti including liaison with various Directorates of CWC for obtaining approval.
2) Consultancy Services for revised DPR of UKP stage-I&II Schemes coming under Dam zone, Almatti including liaison with various Directorates of CWC for obtaining approval
3) Liaison with various Directorates for the work of survey and investigation for remodeling of Timmapur LIS main canal from ch. 0.00 to 90.00 km including distributaries, laterals, sub laterals and structures.
Intended to submit the quotation excluding GST and other taxes to this office before **04.00 PM, dated on : 31.08.2023.** For more information on the said work, may contact the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Sub Division No.3, Almatti on or before **29.08.2023 by 05.00 PM**. The price list envelopes should be clearly stamped with the "Quotation". This office reserves the right to accept or cancel any quotation. The quotations will be opened in the office of The Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti on **31.08.2023 at 05.00 PM**.
Email: 1. dam_division@rediffmail.com
Contact Phone Number: 1. Sri Krishna Mudanur, Assistant Engineer. **Contact. No. 9481345321**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
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Visvesvaraya Technological University
"Jnana Sangama" Belagavi –590 018, Karnataka State
Ref. NoVTU/BGM/RE/2023-24/IFT No.24/2632 Date: 22 AUG 2023
Tender Notification-Two Cover System –Re-Call (e-Procurement Only)
The e-Tender is invited induplicate from eligible tenderers, registered Contractor, by the Registrar, Visvesvaraya Technological University, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi-18, under standard tender document procedure K/W format for the work of Repair & Maintenance works for C1 & C2 category Residential Quarters at VTU, "Jnana Sangama", Belagavi amounting to Rs.1,90,05,574/- The tenderers, who have executed similar nature of single work costing 50% of amount put to tender, shall only apply for this work. Other details log on to website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on 26.08.2023.
Sd/-Registrar, VTU, Belagavi
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-307/KSMCA/2023-24

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
Metro Rail Depot, Old Madras Road, Near NGEF Bus Stop, Baiyappanahalli , Bengaluru - 560 038. Ph: 080-25191120
e-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in, Website: www.bmrc.co.in
Bid No.: BMRCL/O&M/E&M/Electrical Works/2023/03 Date: 24.08.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
BMRCL invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for **"Replacement, Reconditioning and Repair of Earthing Installations along with all accessories at Metro Stations & Depots of BMRCL".** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 24,30,397/-.** Tender Security Amount: **Rs. 50,000/-.** Sale period of tender documents: **24.08.2023 to 23.09.2023 (Till Midnight).** Pre-bid meeting: **21.09.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.** Date & time for submission of tender: **30.09.2023 (from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of tender: **30.09.2023 (at 15.30 hrs).** Cost of tender document: **Rs. 3,540/-.** Completion period : **02 months.** Tender documents can be downloaded from BMRCL website. For more information visit **http://tender.bmrc.co.in**
Sd/- Dy. General Manager (E & M)

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT
KARNATAKA STATE KHADI & V.I.BOARD
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER, CHITRADURGA.
Above Jeevan Enterprises, Kanaka Circle, Bhimasamudra Road, Chitradurga-577501 Kvibcta16@gmail.com
No/KB/DOC/Tender/Bharmasagar/2023-24 Date:14-08-2023
TENDER/AUCTION NOTIFICATION
Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board, District Office, Chitradurga arranged a Tender/ Auction after obtaining required permissions from Director, Co-Op. Department and K.S.K & V.I.Board Bengaluru at Bharamasagara Khadi Kendra Mortgaged Property of Chitradurga District Khadi Co-Op. Society, Kavadigarahatti bearing Khata No.759, Block No.4, measuring East West 150 ft North South 100 ft Situated at Bharamasagara on 31-08-2023 at 12-00 pm, to recover Overdue loan and upto date interest of the above society. The Tender/Auction applications are available at the above address and after filled form and required documents to be submit to the Same address on or before 5-30 pm on 29-08-2023. After the last date no Tender forms strictly entertained or considered. For any enquiries or information's please to contact District Officer on Cell No.9480825618.
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 161/2023-24
Sd/- District Officer, Khadi Board Chitradurga

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE OFFICE, BALLARI.
Tp: 08392 -276250 e-mail: dhobellari@gmail.com
No.DHO/ACCTS/OUTSOURCEMANPOWER/01/ 2023-24 DATE 05.06.2023.
CALL-2 E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The following "C**all-2"** e-Tender is invited from eligible bidders for providing manpower services to Various Hospitals of DH&FWS, Ballari under ZP fund for the year 2023-24 in a two cover bid system the details of the same can be viewed from KPPP e-procurement portal of government of Karnataka vide link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home
THE CALL-2 E-TENDER FLOATED DETAILS ARE AS SHOWN BELOW:
1.VARIOUS 63 MANPOWER POSTS ON OUT SOURCE BASIS- TENDER AMOUNT : RS.94.27 LAKHS DHFWS/ 2023-24/SE0260 - Last Date 06.09.2023 @17.00 PM.
Sd/-Dist Health & Family Welfare Officer, Ballari& TIA. DIPR/Ballari/226/KSMCA/2023-24

ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ,
4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 16ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಸಂಪಂಗಿರಾಮನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-27.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-2224 0449. ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ : dswourban@gmail.com
ಸಂ: ಜಂನಿ/ಸಕಇ/ಬೆಂ(ನ)/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ/ಕ.ವ.ಶಿ.ಸ.ಸ./ಸಿಆರ್-05/22-23 ದಿ: 21-08-2023
ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
2022-23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಸತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧೀನದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿವಿಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಅತಿ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04-09-2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, 4ನೇ ಮೈನ್ ರೋಡ್, 16ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಸಂಪಂಗಿರಾಮನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560 027. ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 080-2224 0449 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ವಿವರಗಳು.
1) SWD/2023-24/IND0056, 2) SWD/2023-24/IND0057
ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರವರು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಜಂಟಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ವಾಸಾಇ/ಬೆಂ.ನ./1007/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2023–24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH RAICHUR
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION RAICHUR
NO./EE/RDWS&S/RCR/TS/JJM/2023-24/e-Tender/ 774 DATED : 22-08-2023
SHORT TERM TENDER
The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Raichur invites tenders from eligible tenderers Registered under e-procurement civil contractors in Panchayath Engineering Department, for Providing water supply scheme to below works, as per KW-3 & 4 Standard Bid Document Under JJM 2022-23 GOI&GOK Fund (90%) &Community Contribution (10%). The tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table in GOK e- Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed.
1) Notification Date:07-08-2023 2) Download of tender schedule documents online: 08-08-2023 3) Last date for receiving of filled tender documents: 28-08-2023 at 4:30 PM 4) Opening of Technical bid: 30-08-2023 at 11:00 AM 5)Opening of Financial bid :31-08-2023 at 11:00 AM
Indent Nos.: Deodurga: 3511, 3512, 3514, 3515, 3636 Lingasugur:3651, 3652, 3653, 3654, 3655, 3656, 3658, 3659, 3660
More details can be had from the Office of the under signed and also through our website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ by clicking the List of Tenders which will be link all Dept. works list
Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDWS&S. Divn, Raichur
DIP/RCR/100/KSMC&A/Job No.96/2023-24

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR TENDER (Only through kpp portal)
BWSSB invites tenders from registered Agencies for the following works.
Office of the Chief Engineer (North), 2nd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	Central	BWSSB/EE(C)/PB/ 868/2023-24 Date: 18.08.2023	Rs. 17,37,138/- / Rs. 51,250/-	31.08.2023 up to 5.00 pm	01.09.2023 after 5.01 pm
2		BWSSB/EE(C)/PB/ 870/2023-24 Date: 18.08.2023	Rs. 24,35,410/- / Rs. 57,480/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Central)

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

3	South-2	BWSSB/EE (S2)/ AE/603/2023-24 Date: 16.08.2023	Rs. 5,92,985/- / Rs. 15,000/-	12.09.2023 up to 4.00 pm	14.09.2023 after 4.00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-2)

The details regarding participation in the tendering process and tender can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.
DIPR/CP/1026/AKAR/2023-24

On the moon, over the moon

Chandrayaan-3 signals the launch of India's time in space exploration

At 5.40 p.m. on August 23, the Chandrayaan-3 lander was a 1.7-tonne hunk of metal, plastic, and glass speeding in an orbit some 30 km above the moon. But in the next 23 minutes, it had made history by slowing down, righting itself, and – guided by a suite of sensors and actuators – gently descending to the moon's surface. As it touched down shortly after 6 p.m., people gathered at the various Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) centres, and across India were jubilant. India is only the fourth country in history to have soft-landed a spacecraft on the moon, and the first to have done so in the moon's South Polar region. The feat illustrated a simple fact of complex space flight missions: by virtue of their enormous hunger for resources but at the same time capacity for caprice, succeeding at them is indistinguishable from a triumph of human will. That is why they are capable of galvanising people – as Chandrayaan-3 has now done for India. The immediate implication of the Chandrayaan-3 lander now sitting on the moon is that ISRO took away the right lessons from the failure of the preceding mission, Chandrayaan-2. In September 2019, as the Chandrayaan-2 lander was 2.1 km above the lunar surface, ISRO lost contact. Based on data transmitted by the lander until then and that from other sources, including the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, ISRO pieced together the distal causes of the lander's premature demise. Experts at ISRO then modified 21 subsystems to give rise to the upgraded Chandrayaan-3 lander. The latter is particularly distinguished by the redundancies built into it: if one component or process had failed, another would likely have taken over.

Taking a broader view of time, Chandrayaan-3 sits at an important juncture. India is now a member of the Artemis Accords, the U.S.-led multilateral effort to place humans on the moon by 2025 and thereafter to expand human space exploration to the earth's wider neighbourhood in the solar system. Given the firsts that India has now achieved, it has an opportunity to lead the other Artemis countries interested in maximising the contributions of the space sector to their economies, alongside the U.S. While Russia and India were not racing to land on the moon this week, the failure of Russia's Luna-25 spacecraft on August 19 foretells the country's ability to contribute in more limited fashion, in this decade at least, to the International Lunar Research Station programme, which it leads together with China as a parallel axis to the Artemis Accords. With Chandrayaan-3, India has also demonstrated familiarity with the major types of interplanetary spacecraft: orbiters, landers, and rovers. The Chandrayaan-3 rover is rudimentary, and speaks to an important focus area for the Indian space programme: the planning and implementation of scientific missions. The data from Chandrayaan-3's scientific instruments will be crucial because the mission will be the first to physically, chemically, and thermally characterise the soil, subsoil, and air near the moon's South Pole on location. India has some measure of technological superiority now compared to most other spacefaring countries, and it should press the advantage by going to more places in the solar system and conducting stellar science. The better space-based scientific instruments currently operated by India are largely concerned with earth-observation and remote-sensing; AstroSat is a notable exception as the forthcoming Aditya-L1, XPoSat, and NISAR missions are expected to be. In the relatively recent past, Chandrayaan-1 was scientifically well-equipped whereas the Mars Orbiter Mission had room for improvement (it was a technology demonstrator but at the same time it did get to Mars). Better science results demand more investment in research, both in the public and private sectors, rather than spending cuts, and mission design that puts scientific outcomes before engineering thresholds and launchability.

The landing also brings to a close the second phase of India's lunar exploration programme. The third phase will begin with a collaboration between ISRO and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) for the Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) mission, which also involves a lander and a rover that will study water-ice at the moon's South Pole. LUPEX is set to use the landing system that ISRO developed for Chandrayaan-2 and -3. This is an important reason why the failure of the surface component of the Chandrayaan-2 mission placed its successor under great pressure. It is notable that this is the gear that Russia was to provide for Chandrayaan-2, but could not in the aftermath of its ill-fated Fobos-Grunt mission in 2011, prompting ISRO to develop one on its own. Finally, ISRO is on a roughly fixed path *vis-à-vis* future missions from which deviations – such as those as a result of Chandrayaan-2 and the COVID-19 pandemic, but also the sluggish production of rockets – are financially and politically expensive. The success of Chandrayaan-3 gives ISRO the confidence to graduate to the next steps: satellites powered by electric motors, quantum communications, human space flight, reusable launch vehicles, planetary habitation, and interplanetary communications, to name a few. The commerce of space also demands a greater launch cadence and lower launch costs. Private sector contributions to many of these aspects will be crucial, especially to accelerate innovation and open new vistas in which this renewed vector of human enterprise can contribute to India's development. India is over the moon. From now on, ISRO will have the chance to lead from the front.

Needed, a well-crafted social security net for all

Feroze Varun Gandhi

is a Member of Parliament, representing the Sultanpur constituency for the Bharatiya Janata Party

Around 53% of all of the salaried workforce does not have any social security benefits in India, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual Report 2021-22, and which has been cited in the media. In effect, this means that such employees have no access to a provident fund, pension, and health care and disability insurance. Another conclusion is that just 1.9% of the poorest 20% quintile of India's workforce has access to any benefits. Meanwhile, gig workers, or approximately 1.3% of India's active labour force, rarely have access to any social security benefit. India's social security system is also ranked poorly; Mercer CFS ranked it at 40 out of 43 countries in 2021.

India's policymakers have largely ignored social security. While policies are often announced, budgetary allocation has always been limited and utilisation even less so. In FY11, the National Social Security Fund was set up for unorganised sector workers, with an initial allocation of just ₹1,000 crore to support schemes for weavers, rickshaw pullers and bidi workers to name a few. The amount was a pittance when compared to a requirement of over ₹22,841 crore – as estimated by the Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability.

A Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) audit on the scheme in FY17 identified ₹1,927 crore (the entire amount accumulated since inception) had just not been utilised. Consequently, select social security schemes have been left moribund. Take the National Social Assistance Programme that was set up in the 1990s, with a focus on old-age poor individuals with no able-bodied earners in their household, who were eligible to earn a monthly pension of ₹75. Contribution by the Centre to old-age pension schemes has stagnated at ₹200 a month since 2006, i.e., below the minimum wage per day. Similarly, in July 2022, the CAG identified that the cess collected for the provision of social security to construction workers in Delhi was poorly utilised – approximately 94% of the money was not utilised. In Haryana, the CAG noted that the direct benefit scheme of the State's Social Justice and Empowerment Department had seen the transfer of ₹ 98.96 crore to the accounts of deceased beneficiaries. Meanwhile, budgetary cuts to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act continue.

Schemes overseas

How is it in other countries? Brazil's General Social Security Scheme is contribution-based, substituting income loss for a worker (and his family), whether in partial or full. This covers any situation due to an accident at work, a disability that prevents the worker from working, death, an illness/medical treatment that leads to time away from work, family burdens, or the prospect of unemployment (Brazilian Good Practices in Social Security, International Labour Organization, or ILO, 2013). Even income loss that occurs due to a worker being imprisoned is covered by the low-income insured (ILO, 2013). Unemployment insurance is paid from worker support funds, and health care is covered through the Unified Health System. The Constitution itself has established that if there is a lack of funds, the National Treasury will step in (ILO, 2013). Social security benefits can be availed of with a simple phone call or a visit to a bank, with no requirement to submit endless documents, as highlighted in Brazilian Good Practices in Social Security.

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Approximately 91% (or around 475 million) of India's workforce works in the informal sector. It lacks access to social security. In two decades, India will be an aging society – for such workers with limited savings, there will be no significant social protection. While the Code on Social Security (2020) merged existing social security legislation, it dealt fundamentally with formal enterprises and did not cover informal ones.

Steps for India to take

India should aspire to provide social security to all of its workforce, in a manner that is fiscally and administratively feasible. Three broad principles come to mind: we must expand employer and employee contribution under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) system for formal workers. For informal workers with meaningful income (whether self-employed or in an informal enterprise), partial contributions can be elicited, along with persuading informal enterprises to formalise and expand their total contribution. And for those who are unemployed or have stopped looking for work, or do not earn enough, the government should step in. It is estimated that the cost of providing social protection to the poorest 20% of the workforce would be ₹1.37 trillion (including those who are elderly, pregnant or disabled) – a cost of approximately 0.69% of GDP in FY20.

Additional reforms are needed. There has been some progress. It was heartening to see the government push for a Code on Social Security in 2020, which sought to provide a statutory framework to enable social security for the urban and rural poor, construction workers, those in the gig industry and informal sector workers – it proposed the provision of life insurance, disability insurance, accident insurance, as well as maternity and health-care benefits along with old-age protection and crèche facilities for gig workers. A push for greater digitisation under the e-Shram platform has enabled the enrolment of approximately 300 million workers while expanding coverage of accident insurance (of ₹2 lakh cover) and disability (of ₹1 lakh cover).

However, much more needs to be done; e-Shram puts the burden of registration on informal workers, who are required to furnish a self-declaration and share their Aadhaar card; there is no responsibility/incentive given to their employer (even temporary) to foster registration. Bringing employers into the process would have enabled the formalisation of employee-employer relationships. We could have done much more, pushing informal employers to make social security entitlements mandatory and not voluntary.

Greater support is required for financing social security for the majority of India's labour force, moving beyond construction and gig workers. There must be a push for a pan-India labour force card and an expansion of existing successful schemes such as the Building and Other Construction Workers Schemes to other categories of workers. Such expansion requires a loosening of existing restrictions on benefit portability, having a 90-day mandatory cooling period, as well as a more straightforward registration process.

Special attention is required for domestic workers (usually female), who are never sure when their employment may be terminated. Migrant workers often face discrimination and suspicion from authorities in their working area so coverage of social services such as child care can be expanded. Domestic workers must also organise themselves across India's cities.

On existing schemes

We may also strengthen existing schemes, for example the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), the Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESI), and the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), with budgetary support and expansion of coverage. Administratively, there is much tinkering that can be done. For example, the existing social security framework for unorganised workers has become complex, with overlapping areas of authority between the State and Centre, and confusing definitions being used such as between a platform worker, an unorganised worker and someone who is self-employed.

We need a more significant push to raise awareness about social security to ensure that more workers are aware of the available benefits. Organisations such as the Self-Employed Women's Association which run Shakti Kendras (worker facilitation centres), may be funded to run campaigns (especially for women) to provide greater information on social security rights, along with services and schemes that the government offers.

The time has come for India to consolidate its existing social security schemes/ad hoc measures and provide universal social security to its entire labour workforce. With jobs becoming increasingly on-demand and hire/fire policies proliferating, India's workers are increasingly insecure on the job front. To have the fruits of growth trickle down while offering a sense of social security, policymakers must discard supply-side shibboleths to embrace policies that enable equitable growth.

The U.K.-India relationship is alive with opportunity

Kemi Badenoch

is the United Kingdom's Business and Trade Secretary

It is fantastic to see India, the world's largest democracy, take the global stage as host of the G-20, a vital forum for fostering international cooperation. The United Kingdom has long held the belief in trade as a force for growth and prosperity. It is why we advocate for free and fair trade at the World Trade Organization and why we are taking advantage of our newly recovered powers to forge trade deals with booming economies such as India. Collaboration on issues such as global value chains resilience and digitalisation of trade documents is key to harnessing the true value of global trade.

As India's middle class grows to a quarter of a billion middle class consumers by 2050, any improvements on our current trading relationship could be a huge boost for U.K. businesses. It is no secret that the U.K. and India share a thriving trading relationship, which was worth £36 billion in 2022.

New figures from the U.K.'s Department for Business and Trade reveal that India retained its position as the U.K.'s second largest source of investment projects in the last financial year, with 118 new projects creating 8,384 new jobs across the U.K. And, importantly, our trade and investment relationship goes both ways. In fact, as India's sixth largest investor, between April 2000 and March 2023, the U.K. has invested $34 billion in India in foreign direct investment. U.K. companies are also creating jobs and growth opportunities. There are 618 U.K. companies in India with a combined turnover of around $50 billion employing about 466,640 people directly as of 2021.

> Their strong partnership extends far beyond trade and investment into culture, sport, education and tourism too

The ambitious FTA, a strong partnership

While in India, I will be meeting with Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to discuss progress on an ambitious Free Trade Agreement, which could boost our bilateral trading relationship even further.

The U.K. has proven we can negotiate ambitious trade deals, and I want to move at pace to secure a deal with India, but there are still complex talks ahead on areas including goods, services, and investment – all of which will take time. What we want is a deal that is fair, works for both sides, and benefits businesses. And our business relationship is going from strength to strength. Just last month, the U.K. was chosen as the home of Tata Group's first gigafactory outside India, in a move set to create thousands of jobs and bring a huge boost to the U.K.'s automotive sector. And I am pleased to be meeting with Tata Chair Natarajan Chandrasekaran, following their £4 billion investment, while I am here.

But the U.K. and India's strong partnership extends far beyond trade and investment into culture, sport, education and tourism too. To borrow a phrase from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there is very much a 'living bridge' between our nations – you only have to look at our shared love of Bollywood to see this in action. As one of Bollywood's largest audiences outside of India, the U.K. has featured in some of Bollywood's iconic films such as *Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham*, which was shot in around London's St Paul's Cathedral and Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire, and remains a popular filming destination today; blockbuster *Bade Miyan Chote Miyan* was filming in Scotland's spectacular highlands earlier this year.

A vibrant Indian diaspora of over 1.6 million people makes a significant contribution across all walks of life in the U.K., from education through to the workforce, with Indian students making up one of the U.K.'s largest groups of international students.

Marketing campaign

That is why I am proud to announce that the U.K. is launching 'Alive with Opportunity', a £1.5 million marketing campaign designed to showcase the tremendous bond between our countries and build on the continuous exchange of people, ideas and culture. As part of the U.K.'s ambitions to double trade with India by 2030, the campaign aims to stimulate interest and demand for U.K. goods and services, increase the U.K.'s ability to grow their business through trade with India, and attract new Indian inward investment. Over the course of the next year you can expect to see a celebration of the business, trade, cultural, and sporting links between the U.K. and India across billboards shining a light on this relationship which is very much alive with opportunity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mission Chandrayaan-3

The scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation deserve praise for ensuring a "coveted global position" for India in the lunar race. This is India's moment and a giant leap in space history. The successful mission will herald a new chapter in lunar exploration. More importantly, the spectacular success of the mission will also be inspirational in igniting the scientific temper among students in the country. ISRO has shown that it is moving ahead in the use of cutting-edge space technologies.

G. Ramasubramanyam,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

The ISRO scientists deserve every accolade for having managed an arduous journey. They have shown that one can overturn failure with perseverance, hard work and determination.

Vijay Singh Adhikari,
Nainital, Uttarakhand

The creditable achievement is possibly the Kohinoor in the glittering crown that ISRO wears. ISRO is now the synonym for hard work, perseverance and team spirit. It is fervently hoped that the path-breaking achievement is now a source of great inspiration for future space missions/ventures.

B. Suresh Kumar,
Coimbatore

This is phenomenal! India has set the bar high. The mission has become possible only because of the hundreds of minds labouring for years to make it happen.

Balagopal Gopinath,
Evoor South, Alappuzha, Kerala

ISRO has shown that the sky is not the limit. Its scientists have proved that they can achieve difficult tasks.

Gopalaswamy J.,
Chennai

Before the advent of TV in India, I still remember July 1969 when I was listening to, with college friends, the radio commentary of Neil Armstrong, the astronaut, landing on the moon. To witness the landing of Chandrayaan-3 evokes deep pride and happiness.

P. Victor Selvaraj,
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu

The success of Chandrayaan-3 is testimony to the hard work put in by ISRO's scientists and other agencies. We need to thank the visionaries of the past who made this possible.

R.G.C. Sekhar,
Secunderabad

When we were young, people would point to the moon and cajole us to eat by describing how a grand old lady lived there. From those days of innocence to have India create history now induces pride. Team ISRO has worked hard and it was lovely to see the happy scientists clap after the mission.

Jones Ronald,
Salem, Tamil Nadu

One is reminded of the hare (Russia's Luna-25) and the tortoise (Chandrayaan-3) story. India, slow and steady, won the race.

Srikanth Reddy,
Bengaluru

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Can AI be ethical and moral?

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Increasingly, machines and Artificial Intelligence (AI) are assisting humans in decision-making, particularly in governance. Several countries are introducing AI regulations. Government agencies and policymakers are leveraging AI-powered tools to analyse complex patterns, forecast future scenarios, and provide more informed recommendations.

However, the adoption of AI in decision-making is not without its potential pitfalls. The biases inherent in AI, often a reflection of the biases in the data they are trained on or the perspectives of their developers, can lead to skewed or unjust outcomes and represent a significant challenge in the integration of AI into governance. Biases in AI warrant a whole other article. This article is about ethics in AI. Can AI be ethical and moral?

Ethical challenges

Immanuel Kant's ethical philosophy emphasises autonomy, rationality, and the moral duty of individuals. Applying Kantian ethics to the use of AI in decision-making within governance could lead to serious concerns. If decisions that were once the purview of humans are delegated to algorithms, it could threaten the capacity for moral reasoning. The person or institution using AI could be considered to be abdicating their moral responsibility. This argument finds echoes in Isaac Asimov's 'Three Laws of Robotics'. The laws were designed to govern robotic behaviour, aiming for ethical actions, but within Asimov's fictional world, the laws lead to unexpected and often paradoxical outcomes. The attempts to codify ethics into rules, whether for robots or complex AI-driven governmental decision-making, reveal the inherent challenges in translating human moral complexity into algorithmic form. The intertwining of Kant's insistence on rational moral agency with Asimov's fictional exploration of coded ethics illustrates the ethical challenges in delegating human functions to artificial entities.

Despite this, it is inevitable that AI would be used in governance decisions. In some countries, decision-making algorithms are even being used to determine the beneficiaries of social sector schemes. However, how can governments guarantee that decisions assisted by machines remain ethical and moral?

Ethics are complex. Programming ethics into a machine and AI is even more complex. As James Moore of the Dartmouth College said, "Programming a computer to be ethical is much more difficult than programming a computer to play world-champion chess... Chess is a simple domain with well-defined legal moves. Ethics operates in a complex domain with some ill-defined legal moves."

Categories of machine agents

But can machines or AI be moral agents, or artificial moral agents (AMAs)? A wide body of literature suggests that machines can, "in some sense, be ethical agents responsible for their actions," or "autonomous moral agents". In Moore's 2006 classification, four categories of machine agents relating to ethics are defined. The first is ethical impact agents: machines with ethical consequences, like robot jockeys, which don't make ethical decisions but pose ethical considerations, such as altering the sport's dynamics. The second is implicit ethical agents: machines with embedded safety or ethical guidelines, such as a safe autopilot system in planes, which follow set rules without actively deciding what is ethical. The third is explicit ethical agents which go beyond set rules, using formal methods to estimate the ethical value of options, like systems that balance financial investments with social responsibility. The fourth is full ethical agents which are capable of making and justifying ethical judgments, including reasonable explanations. An adult human is a full ethical agent, and so would be an advanced AI with a similar understanding of ethics.

But is it that easy to create AMAs, especially the third and fourth? No. A peer-reviewed paper published in *Science and Engineering Ethics* found that from a technological standpoint, artificial agents are still far from being able to replace human judgment in complex, unpredictable, or unclear ethical scenarios. There is another issue, i.e., of bounded ethicality. Hagendorf and Danks (2022) fed prompts to Delphi, a research prototype designed to model people's moral judgments. They found that similar to humans, machines like Delphi may also engage in immoral behaviour if framed in a way that detaches ethical principles from the act itself. This suggests that human patterns of moral disengagement could translate into machine-bounded ethicality. Moral disengagement is a key aspect of bounded ethical decision-making, allowing people to act against their ethics without guilt through techniques like moral justifications.

Today, many machine predictions are deployed to assist in decisions where a human decision-maker retains the ultimate decision-making authority. Eventually, governments would delegate a few rudimentary decisions to the machines. But what if the decision taken on the basis of machine predictions or by a machine itself is immoral or unethical? Who will be held responsible? Will the liability fall on the AI system, the developer of the AI, or the official who relied on the AI's data? The notion of punishing the AI system becomes problematic, as it lacks the ability to experience suffering or bear guilt. How would the developer or the official then be made accountable? These are the questions which governments would grapple with eventually. Programming ethics into machines is complex, and the world must proceed cautiously.

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Preserving the sanctity of Gandhi Ashram

Despite the State government's arguments, various concerns persist

STATE OF PLAY

Mahesh Langa

In October 2021, the Gujarat government embarked upon an ambitious project to redevelop Mahatma Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram. It said it would expand the Ashram from five acres to about 55 acres by relocating the approximately 275 families who lived on the premises as well as other trusts. Nearly two years since, the relocation is still ongoing and concerns about redevelopment persist.

Families were given the option of being compensated with cash, flats, or land plots. Most of the residential properties belong to the descendants of those who settled in the Ashram in the early 1900s.

The State authorities recently allotted a plot of 3,400 sq m to rehabilitate 23 families who live on the premises of the Ashram. These families have formed a cooperative housing society to build their new houses on the plot given by the State government in the Vadaj area. Over a dozen families are yet to be rehabilitated.

In April this year, the Ahmedabad civic body, which is implementing the project, razed more than 50 slum dwellings opposite the Ashram citing encroachment on a town planning scheme as the reason. In an affidavit submitted in the High Court, the civic body argued that the demolition was essential in the interest of the development of the Gandhi Ashram Memorial and Precinct Development Project. The civic body and revenue authorities maintain that those dwellings were not entitled to the rehabilitation package. According to sources, the entire rehabilitation exercise will likely be completed in the

next two to three months after which the real redevelopment work will begin. However, there are concerns that the State authorities have not held any open public consultations.

The Ashram was approximately 120 acres when it was established in 1917. Its buildings were spread across 47 acres along the Sabarmati river. During Mahatma Gandhi's time in the Ashram from 1917 to 1930, there were 63 buildings within the Ashram's premises. Today, only 43 of the original buildings remain.

"The area that is known to the world as the Gandhi Ashram today is merely five acres. The Ashram will be expanded to include all the original 43 buildings... and made accessible to all visitors," a State government presentation said. "Since most of the original buildings lie outside today's Ashram, visitors get an incomplete sense of how the original Ashram functioned and how it embodied Gandhiji's philosophy. Many of the original buildings are also in disrepair. To add to this, the atmosphere of the Ashram is also rudely disrupted by the noise of traffic, and it is often crowded on account of the increasing number of visitors," it added.

The redevelopment plan includes closing the busy four-lane road that passes through the Ashram area and making all land parcels belonging to different trusts and residential properties a contiguous area.

Last year, in an affidavit in the High Court, the State government had informed the court that the five trusts on the premises are on board and have approved the redevelopment project prepared by the government. The Ashram is now managed by the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust.

Following the affidavit, the Court dismissed a PIL filed by Gandhi's great grandson, Tushar Gandhi, who had challenged the redevelopment plan. "The proposed project will not only uphold the ideas and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi which would be for the benefit of society and mankind at large but the said Gandhi Ashram will be a place for learning for mankind of all age groups," the court said.

At least 130 personalities from various walks of life including Gandhi's grandson, Rajmohan Gandhi, have opposed the plan, calling it the "second assassination of the Mahatma".

Sudarshan Iyengar, former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidhyapith and a trustee of SAPMT, has said redevelopment is a step in the right direction. Kartikey Sarabhai, another trustee, has also supported the move. The State government has emphatically held that the redevelopment project will be done in a manner that is respectful of the original Ashram's ethos as it will retain the values that Gandhiji preached – austerity, simplicity, and authenticity.

Yet, doubts remain. This is because while the State authorities have said the revamped Ashram will retain the philosophy of Gandhi, it has also emphasised making the Ashram a "tourist place" with modern amenities. This, feel many Gandhians, will reduce a sacred place to a "State-run amusement park."

Dispute over tutor's remark is much ado about nothing

A majority of MLAs and MPs are graduates; very few are illiterate

DATA POINT

Jasmin Nihalani & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

A week ago, Unacademy, an online education platform, fired an instructor, Karan Sangwan, after a video of him talking to students about voting for educated candidates went viral. Unacademy said that Mr. Sangwan had breached the "code of conduct," while the instructor argued on his YouTube channel that his statement was "not political in nature" and that he had never asked students "to vote for educated candidates". He also accused the company of buckling under pressure. "There is a pressure which gets built and you burst under its load. You could not deal with the pressure," Mr. Sangwan said.

The controversy has snowballed since Mr. Sangwan's termination. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wondered why asking people to vote for an educated person was a crime. "If someone is illiterate, personally I respect them. But public representatives cannot be illiterate," he said. Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera asked why the teacher's comments were taken personally. "Nobody from the Congress felt like he was talking about us," he said. Chatter on the subject continues on social media.

Chart 1 shows the educational qualifications of MPs in the current Lok Sabha. Data show that 72% of the current MPs completed graduation. Among the rest, about 23.5% did not go to college; they at least completed fifth grade in school. Information about the educational qualifications of 4% of the MPs is not available. This means that only less than 0.5% are recorded as illiterate or just literate in the current Lok Sabha.

The trend holds true among most State MLAs too. That is, a very small share of MLAs are illiterates or just literate. However, there were significant differences among the States, though graduates dominated most Assemblies. In all the major States, except Gujarat, a majority of the current MLAs are graduates. **Chart 2** shows the share of current MLAs who are at least graduates and those who completed at least fifth grade in school but did not enter college.

Himachal Pradesh has the highest share of MLAs who are graduates and above (76.5%) followed by Uttar Pradesh (75.2%) and Chhattisgarh (68.9%). On the other hand, Gujarat had the lowest share of graduates (45.6%) followed by Maharashtra (54.9%) and Punjab (57.3%). In Gujarat, 47.3% of the current MLAs did not go to college but had at least completed fifth grade in school.

Data about educational qualifications of Lok Sabha MPs is available from 2004, and the latest trend holds true for all general elections since. However, among MLAs, some States showed distinct trends over time. **Chart 3** shows the share of MLAs who are at least graduates, over time, across major States.

The share of graduate MLAs in Chhattisgarh surged from 49% in 2008 to 69% in 2018. Similarly, the share of graduate MLAs in Uttar Pradesh improved from 61% in 2007 to 75% in 2022. Notably, the share of MLAs who are graduates is on a rising trend across all the States. It is important to note that the education data of MLAs was not publicly available in some years in select States (in 2016 in Tamil Nadu, in the 2006 Assembly elections in West Bengal, and in 2005 in Bihar).

With a majority of MPs and MLAs being graduates and the share of graduate MLAs on an increasing trend, the controversy over the remark is not backed by data, as voters' choice favour the educated already. More importantly, the share of illiterates is negligible among MPs and MLAs.

How qualified are legislators?

The data for these charts were sourced from the Political Career Tracker for Candidates in the Indian National and State Assembly Elections, Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University

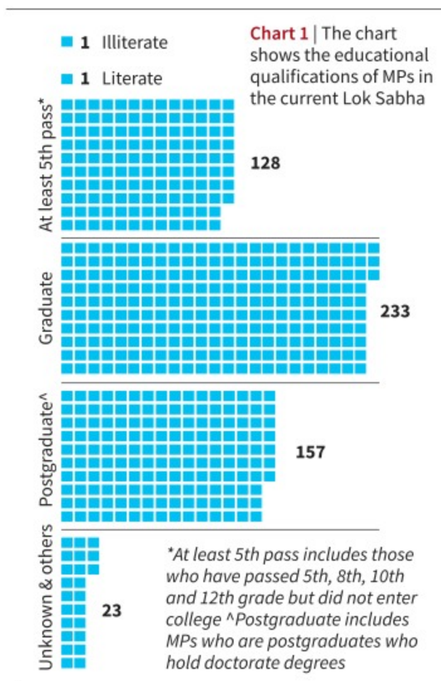

Chart 1 | The chart shows the educational qualifications of MPs in the current Lok Sabha

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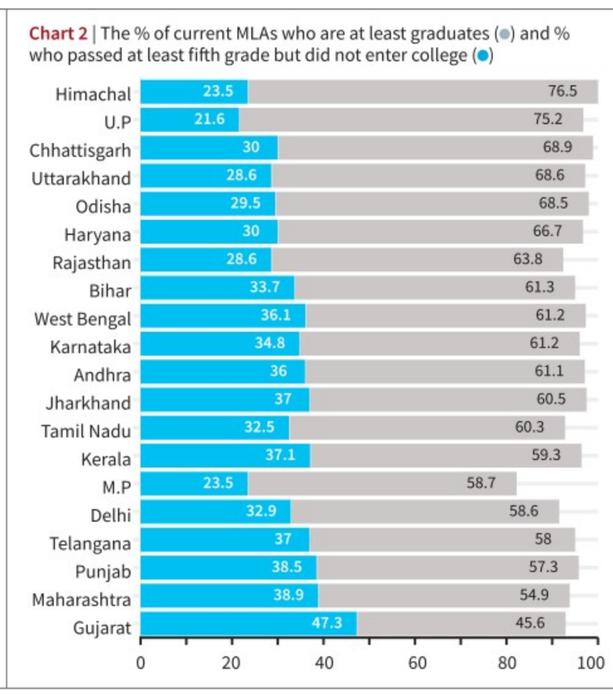
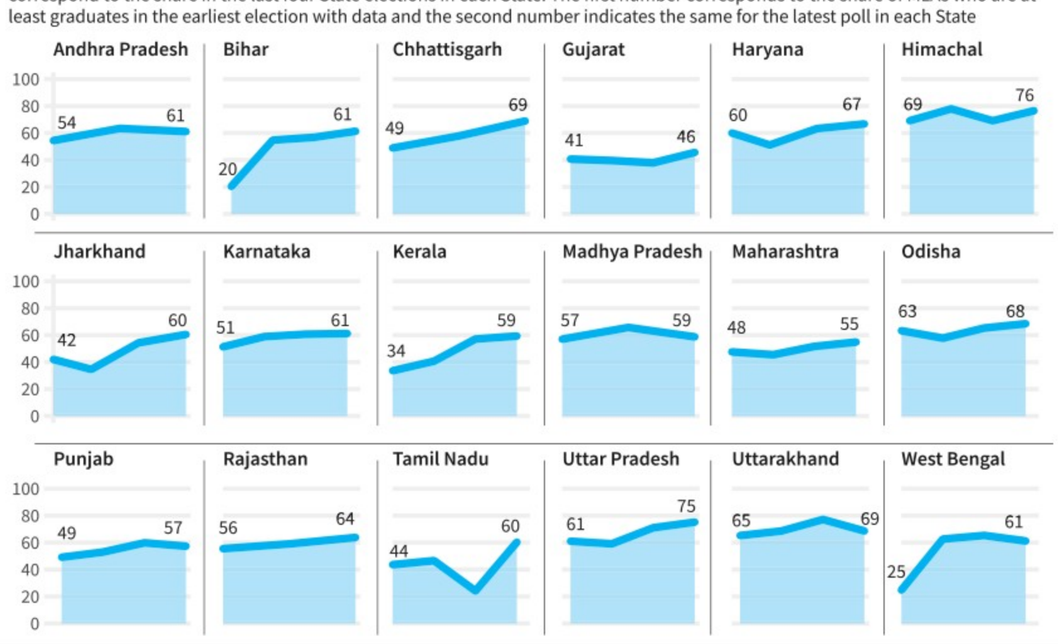


Chart 2 | The % of current MLAs who are at least graduates (●) and % who passed at least fifth grade but did not enter college (●)

Chart 3 | The chart shows the share (in %) of MLAs who are at least graduates, over time, across major States. The graphs correspond to the share in the last four State elections in each State. The first number corresponds to the share of MLAs who are at least graduates in the earliest election with data and the second number indicates the same for the latest poll in each State



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 24, 1973

Jail for default in P.F. payment: Bill passed

New Delhi, Aug. 23: Employers who default in payment of employees' contribution to the Provident Fund could now be imprisoned up to six months as provided under the Employees' Provident Fund and Family Pension Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1973, which received Parliament's approval to-day. The Bill, passed by the Lok Sabha earlier, was adopted by the Rajya Sabha also to-day. The Bill provides for imprisonment for a minimum period of three months and a maximum period of six months for default in payments of contributions which had been deducted by an employer from the employees' wages. The minimum punishment for other offences under the Act is one month's imprisonment. The Court, may, however, for any adequate and special reasons, to be recorded in the judgment, impose imprisonment for a lesser term.

Moving the Bill the Labour Minister, Mr. K.V. Raghunatha Reddy, said cases of non-payment of P.F. money by employers had been on the increase over the past few years. The Bill sought to make such non-payment a cognisable offence.

Initiating the brief debate, Mr. Nawal Kishore (Cong.-O) said the malady of P.F. arrears had assumed serious proportions both in the public and private sectors. This could be checked only by enforcing the law strictly. He urged that family pension be paid to the employee in his lifetime to help him tide over financial difficulties.

Mrs. Sita Devi (Cong.) said that unless the loopholes in the measure were plugged, the employers would continue to evade payment of the P.F. money.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 24, 1923

Bihar floods distress

Patna: Reports of the situation in the interior of the province owing to the flood is beginning to come. Suffering in Arrau is described as "harrowing. About one-third of the population in the town and almost all of the villages situated near the Sone are homeless. About one hundred villages on Chapra are said to have been swept away. There is great need of food and fodder in several relief centres opened in Patna where food stuffs are given to stranded and rescued people.

From Page One

India lights up the dark side of the moon

Proud moment: Celebrations of the success of Chandrayaan-3 in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU

The lander will deploy the rover which will carry out in-situ chemical analysis of the lunar surface during the course of its mobility. The lander and the rover with a mission life of one Lunar day (14 Earth days) have scientific payloads to carry out experiments on the lunar surface.

The Chandrayaan-3 mission was launched on July 14 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

Chandrayaan-3 consists of an indigenous lander module, propulsion module and a rover with an objective of developing and demonstrating new technologies required for inter-planetary missions.

The objectives of the mission are to demonstrate safe and soft landing on lunar surface, to demonstrate rover roving on the moon and conduct in-situ scientific experiments.

The soft landing took place days after Russia's Luna-25 spacecraft crashed into the moon after spinning out of control.

India welcomes consensus-based approach to expand BRICS: PM

One of the main topics at BRICS is Russia's quest to create an alternative to the G-7-driven global political-economic model; however, unlike their counterparts in Russia and China, Indian officials have not spoken aggressively for de-dollarisation

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India welcomes the expansion of the BRICS grouping through a consensus-based approach, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared in Johannesburg on Wednesday. Addressing the plenary session of the 15th BRICS Summit in the historic South African city, he urged member states to take advantage of India's digital solutions and to work for the welfare of the Global South.

The current BRICS members are Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, whose names make up the group's acronym.

"125 countries participated in the Global South Summit that we organised this January. We have proposed that the African Union should be made a member of the G-20. I am confident that all BRICS partners will support these ideas. India fully supports the idea of expansion of the membership of the BRICS and welcomes a consensus-based process," Mr. Modi said.

Close ties: Narendra Modi, second from right, with other BRICS leaders during the Retreat Meeting in Johannesburg on Wednesday. ANI

Global South focus

The plenary session was also attended by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and the host, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, alongside other delegates. Russian President Vladimir Putin participated in the summit virtually, with the physical leadership for the Russian delegation being provided by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. When the leaders posed together for a "family photograph", Mr. Ramaphosa held hands with Mr. Modi and Mr. Lavrov on his left and Mr. Xi and Mr. Lula da Silva to his right.

Continuing with India's priorities in its G-20 Presidency year, Mr. Modi kept the focus of his speech on the prospects of the Global South and the African Union, which is being represented at the BRICS Summit by the east African nation of Comoros.

One of the main issues that is forming the backdrop of the expansion-related dialogue at BRICS is Russia's quest to create an alternative to the G-7-driven global political-economic model. This has acquired urgency since the western nations unleashed economic sanctions against Moscow after Mr. Putin launched the war against Ukraine in February 2022.

This process has also drawn from India's demand for changes in global multilateral systems to make them more responsive to the needs of the Global South. However, unlike their counterparts in Russia and China, Indian officials have not spoken aggressively for de-dollarisation, though New Delhi has entered into local currency agreements with a few trading partners like the UAE. This indicates a difference among the founding members.

ED searches premises of Baghel's adviser

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR/NEW DELHI

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Wednesday conducted searches on the premises of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's political adviser and two Officers on Special Duty (OSDs) in Raipur and Durg districts, an action Mr. Baghel dubbed as a "birthday gift" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

While the exact case in connection to which the searches were carried out is not clear, paramilitary personnel could be seen outside the residence of Vinod Verma, the political adviser of Mr. Baghel, in Raipur.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said, "Completely out of the race in the upcoming elections, the BJP is trying its dirtiest tricks to intimidate and rattle the Congress. However, such cheap tactics will not affect us, but they only show the BJP's desperation."

Manipur CM, BJP State president to meet Amit Shah

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh is expected to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, a government official said on Wednesday. The meeting comes days ahead of the Assembly session in Manipur on August 29, a first since ethnic violence erupted in the State on May 3. The Assembly was last convened in March.

Mr. Singh will be accompanied by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State president A. Sharda Devi. The Home Minister last met Mr. Singh in Delhi on June 25. Mr. Shah is also likely to meet representatives of Meitei civil society organisations.

Earlier this week, Kuki groups re-imposed the blockade on NH-2 which connects Manipur capital Imphal to Dimapur in Nagaland and is key for supply of essentials to the valley areas where the Meitei people live.

A senior police official told *The Hindu* that though physical barriers were not there, the Kuki groups were not allowing any commercial goods vehicles to pass. The key stretch that leads to Imphal passes through the Kuki-dominated areas in the hills.

The blockades are back in retaliation for Meitei groups stopping medical supplies from Imphal. Meanwhile, a delegation of the CPI led by general secretary D. Raja, called on Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey and apprised her of the present situation.

18 killed as an under-construction railway bridge collapses in Mizoram

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI

A railway bridge under construction over the Kurung river in Mizoram collapsed on Wednesday, killing at least 18 workers.

The incident occurred at 9.30 a.m. at Sairang, about 21 km from the State capital, Aizawl. A total of 28 workers are believed to have been at the site when the bridge collapsed.

"A railway bridge no. 196 near Sairang Zero Point which was under construction collapsed... The bodies of 18 persons were recovered while three injured were rescued," the Mizoram government said in a statement.

Northeast Frontier Railway officials said a girder – a steel structure on which a railway track is laid – collapsed while it was being installed.

The collapsed railway bridge in Mizoram. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Pillars intact

According to the Railway Ministry, the girder was designed by the Paris-headquartered STUP Consultants and proof-checked by experts from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

Railway officials said the pillars of the bridge, the tallest of which is 95 metres, were intact.

The Railways constituted a high-level committee to investigate the accident and announced an *ex-gratia* compensation of ₹10 lakh each for the kin of those killed, ₹2 lakh each for those who sustained serious injuries, and ₹50,000 each for those who sustained minor injuries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the loss of lives and announced an *ex-gratia* of ₹2 lakh for the next of kin of each of the deceased and ₹50,000 for the injured from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

"Grieved by the unfortunate incident in Mizoram. National Disaster Response Force, State administration and railway officials are at the site. Rescue operation on war footing," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati and Chief Minister Zoramthanga and assured all possible assistance.

Will retain special status of northeast States: Centre to SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday accepted the Centre's assurance that it does not intend to "touch" the special constitutional provisions protecting the interests of the people of the northeastern States.

The issue came up for debate before a Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, which is hearing the challenge to the dilution of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. Petitioners raised apprehensions that tinkering with the "periphery" of the country can have severe implications, such as the months of ethnic violence seen in Manipur.

He referred to how Article 371 of the Constitution guarantees protection of cultural and economic interests, as well as ensures the rule of law, for the people of 12 States, including Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, and Manipur.

At this point, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta intervened to clear the air.

"Article 370 was a temporary provision in the Constitution... We must understand the difference between a temporary provision and a special provision like Article 371 with regard to other States, including the northeast... The Centre has no intention to touch any part [of the Constitution] which gives special provisions to the northeast and other regions," Mr. Mehta said.

C.R. Rao, who pioneered several fundamental statistical concepts, dead

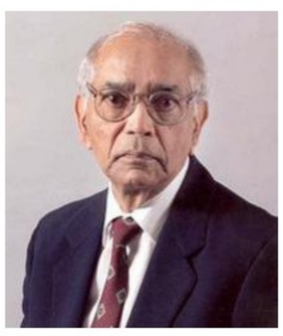
Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, 102, one of the world's most eminent statisticians who spent nearly all of his professional career in India, died in the U.S. on Wednesday.

Having taught and researched at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata, Dr. Rao pioneered several fundamental statistical concepts such as the Cramer-Rao inequality and Rao-Blackwellization concepts that appear in undergraduate textbooks on statistics and econometrics.

C.R. Rao was born on September 10, 1920, at Hadagali in Ballari district of present-day Karnataka in a Telugu family.

He joined the ISI as a student when it was set up by P.C. Mahanobilis during the early years of statistics as a subject when it was yet to be taught as a distinct subject at the postgraduate level.



C.R. Rao

He was sent by Dr. Mahalanobis to Cambridge University, U.K., to use certain statistical techniques for anthropological analysis, and from where he earned a doctorate under the supervision of Ronald Fischer, among the pioneers of the field.

'Pillar of ISI'

On returning to the Indian Statistical Institute in India, where Dr. Rao spent the next 40 years of his career, he conceived and established several undergraduate and graduate programmes in statistics and was instrumental in establishing several bureaus of the Indian Statistical Institute in various States.

Dr. Rao was also a member of several government committees for the development of national statistical systems, statistical education and research in India.

"He was a pillar of the ISI, inspiring generations of students and researchers who themselves became iconic figures like S.R. Srinivasa Varadhan and K.R. Parthasarathy. He had won every conceivable award and honour," Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh posted on X, formerly Twitter.

After his retirement, Dr. Rao moved to the U.S. and worked at several universities.

Former U.S. President George Bush conferred on him the National Medal of Science.

He was awarded India's highest honours the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan in 1969 and 2001, respectively.

Modi, Xi likely to attend East Asia Summit, ASEAN meetings in Jakarta

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Close on the heels of the BRICS summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping could come face-to-face again, if both leaders decide to attend the East Asian Summit (EAS) and other meetings with the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) bloc of countries in Indonesia in September.

According to sources, Mr. Modi is now considering plans to fly to Jakarta for a very short visit on September 6, and return to India on September 7 just prior to the G-20 summit, which begins on September 9.

Earlier, officials had said the Prime Minister's schedule before the G-20 summit was making it difficult for him to attend the meetings in Jakarta as Mr. Modi needs to return to Delhi in time for the arrival of leaders for the G-20 summit. After the possibility of a rescheduling of the EAS and ASEAN-India Summit, however, so that both are completed by the afternoon of September 7, it is understood that the Prime Minister's Office is likely to accept the invitation.

De-escalation talks: Narendra Modi with Xi Jinping during a meeting on the sidelines of BRICS Summit in 2019. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Modi's visit to Jakarta will be seen as an affirmation of India's ties with the ASEAN grouping, and underline "ASEAN centrality" as the basis for India's Indo-Pacific policy, the sources said. In addition, the trip will denote a special gesture to Indonesia, which is a member of the "G-20 Troika" at present, and helping India with negotiations for a G-20 joint declaration.

Mr. Modi's decision to skip the ASEAN-India Summit and EAS held in Cambodia in November 2022 was met with considerable disappointment as it marked the milestone 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations, where ties were raised to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The ASEAN-India summit in September is expected to give a boost to talks over reviewing the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

While Chinese President Xi Jinping's attendance at the G-20 is not yet confirmed, sources said he may now attend the East Asia Summit this year.

The decisions by President Xi and Mr. Modi could set the stage for a possible meeting in Jakarta, as the military commanders on both sides have intensified efforts to resolve the three-year-old border stand-off between them in Ladakh, and de-escalate tensions between the two countries.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Joe Biden will not attend the East Asia Summit, the White House announced on Wednesday, and U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris will represent the U.S. instead in Jakarta.

"President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. will travel to New Delhi, India, from September 7-10 to attend the G-20 Leaders' Summit," a White House statement said, listing combating climate change issues, mitigating the impacts of "Putin's war in Ukraine", and building up the capacity of the World Bank and other multilateral banks among the American President's priorities at the G-20.

First national meet of CTUs, SKM to launch poll campaign

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The first national convention of the joint platform of Central trade unions (CTUs) and federations and the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) – the umbrella organisation of about 500 farmers' outfits – will be held here at the Talkatora Stadium on Thursday.

The meeting of workers and farmers will chart joint programmes and campaigns ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Leaders of the CTUs and the SKM told *The Hindu* that the convention would strengthen the campaign against the BJP government.

It would adopt a common charter of demands, a joint declaration regarding the current situation and a common action programme against the Centre and the BJP-led State governments.

The Opposition Congress and the Left parties have pledged support for the convention.

Propelled by a nation: Students gathered to watch live on a screen the landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon at a school in Guwahati; people celebrate the landing at Birla Planetarium in Chennai; a young girl is full of excitement at a screening in Mumbai; and students burst out in applause at Science City in Ahmedabad. RITU RAJ KONWAR, R. RAVINDRAN, EMMANUAL YOGINI, VIJAY SONEJI

Moon now in India's orbit

- India becomes the fourth country to demonstrate the soft landing on moon
- The entire mission operations from launch till landing happened flawlessly
- Pragyan Rover is designed to carry out two important experiments
- Praise comes in from all quarters for the technological triumph after 2019 setback

Team spirit: ISRO Chairman S. Somanath, fifth from left, and team celebrate in Bengaluru after the landing of Chandrayaan-3 on Wednesday. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

With Vikram, the lander module of Chandrayaan-3, successfully landing on the surface of moon on Wednesday, the focus has now moved to the rover in its belly, Pragyan.

The officials at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC) here are readying to roll out the rover, which will carry out *in-situ* chemical analysis of the lunar surface on the move.

"The Pragyan rover may come out in the next few hours or it may take one day also to come out depending on the conditions," ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said.

He said that once out, the rover would carry out two important experiments.

It has two payloads – the LASER Induced Breakdown Spectroscope (LIBS) and the Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS).

The objectives of the LIBS are to conduct qualitative and quantitative elemental analysis and to derive the chemical composition and infer mineralogical composition to further the understanding of the lunar surface.

The APXS will determine the elemental composition of lunar soil and rocks around the lunar landing site.

The rover has two payloads to conduct elemental analysis and mineralogical composition study

Soon after the ISRO achieved the historic feat of landing on the lunar South Pole, Mr. Somanth introduced the key members who enabled India to achieve the task flawlessly.

P. Veeramuthuvel, Project Director, Chandrayaan-3, said, "It is a great moment of happiness, it gives me immense satisfaction on achieving this goal as project director of this mission. The entire mission operations from launch till landing happened flawlessly as per the timeline and we have become the fourth country to demonstrate the soft landing on the moon and the first country to go to the South Pole of the moon."

Thanking the navigation guidance and control team, propulsion team, sensors team and all the mainframe subsystems teams, who have brought success to the mission, Mr. Veeramuthuvel also expressed his gratitude to the critical operations review committee for thoroughly reviewing the mission operations right from launch till date. "The target was on spot, because of the review process," he said, as he acknowledged the contribution of Chandrayaan-3 project executives working across various ISRO centres.

Sreekanth, Mission Director, Chandrayaan-3, said, "It gives me immense pleasure to be part of Chandrayaan-3 and as mission director, I would like to thank each and every team member who has supported in carrying out all the mission operations flawlessly." Calling it a memorable moment, Kalpana K., Associate Project Director, Chandrayaan-3, said, "We have achieved our goal flawlessly after rebuilding our spacecraft. It has been breath in and out for our team."

M. Sankaran, Director of U.R. Rao Satellite Centre, said, "Today we have achieved what we set out to achieve in 2019. It was delayed by four years but we have done it." He was referring to the failed landing of Chandrayaan-2 in 2019. "As the Prime Minister mentioned, we will now be looking at putting man in space, putting spacecraft around Venus and landing a craft on Mars," he said.
(With PTI inputs)

Opposition leaders congratulate ISRO for dedication, ingenuity

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition leaders across the political spectrum congratulated the Indian Space Research Organisation, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge calling it "a collective success of every Indian and a testament to the vision of Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mr. Kharge said an elated nation with 140 crore aspirations witnessed yet another achievement in its six-decade-long space programme. "We are deeply indebted to the remarkable hard work, unparalleled ingenuity and unflinching dedication of our scientists, space engineers, researchers and everyone involved in making this mission a triumph for India," he said.

The Congress chief said that the immaculate soft-landing is a fitting tribute to Homi J. Bhabha, Vikram Sarabhai, Satish Dhawan, Meghnad Saha, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and many other legendary scientists.

"These accomplishments are a testament to the vision of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who emphasised and sincerely believed that a critical commitment to science could drive the spirit of development of our newly independent nation by igniting the spirit and minds of the people, which was later followed by successive Prime Ministers," Mr. Kharge said in a video message.

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool president Mamata Banerjee said that India is now in the super league of space.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi and Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, in their congratulatory messages, underscored the point that space research has been a "saga of continuity" since it started in 1962.

"Chandrayaan-3's soft landing on the uncharted lunar South Pole is the result of decades of tremendous ingenuity and hard work by our scientific community. Since 1962, India's space programme has continued to scale new heights and inspire generations of young dreamers," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury credited "six decades of commitment, hard work and dedication" for the successful landing. He called the event a tribute to "scientific temper, reason and rationality."

It's a truly momentous occasion, says President

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said that the landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the lunar surface was "a truly momentous occasion" which happens once in a lifetime and it has made the whole country proud.

After watching the live telecast of the landing of Vikram lander on the moon, Murmu conveyed her congratulatory video message to the Indian Space Research Organisation and everyone associated with the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

"There are days when history is made. Today with the successful moon landing of the Chandrayaan-3 mission, our scientists have not only made history but also remade the idea of geography. It is truly a momentous occasion. "The kind of event that happens once in a lifetime making India proud. I congratulate ISRO and everybody involved in this mission and wish them greater accomplishments ahead," she said in the video message.

Droupadi Murmu

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar it was a historic feat signalling the rise of India.

Home Minister Amit Shah said India had become the first to touch the South Pole of the moon. "I express my heartfelt gratitude to ISRO and our scientists for their undeterred efforts to make this mission a historic success.

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research headquarters in New Delhi erupted in joy as Chandrayaan-3's lander touched the lunar surface.

The CSIR gathering was attended by Minister of State for Space Jitender Singh and Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Sood. "While others fantasise (on the) moon, we have felt the moon. While others stuck in flight of dreams, Chandrayaan-3 has actualised the dream. Tricolour flies high in lunar skies affirming India's resolve, as articulated by PM Modi, 'Sky is not the limit,'" Mr Singh said.
(With inputs from Jacob Koshy)

A testament to India's progress in science: Russia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Russian President Vladimir Putin was among the first world leaders to congratulate India after Chandrayaan-3 made a soft landing on the moon's surface.

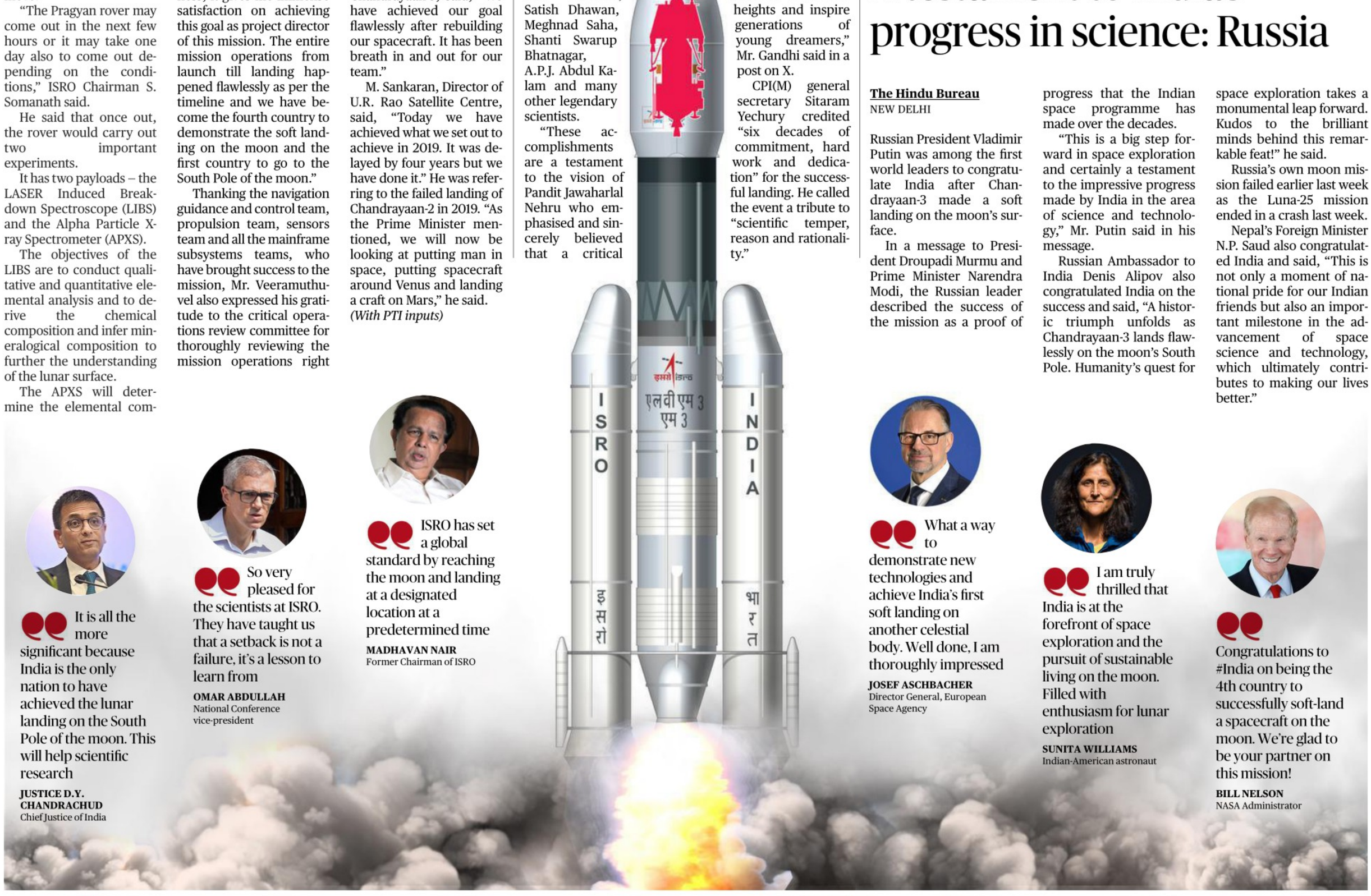
In a message to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Russian leader described the success of the mission as a proof of progress that the Indian space programme has made over the decades.

"This is a big step forward in space exploration and certainly a testament to the impressive progress made by India in the area of science and technology," Mr. Putin said in his message.

Russian Ambassador to India Denis Alipov also congratulated India on the success and said, "A historic triumph unfolds as Chandrayaan-3 lands flawlessly on the moon's South Pole. Humanity's quest for space exploration takes a monumental leap forward. Kudos to the brilliant minds behind this remarkable feat!" he said.

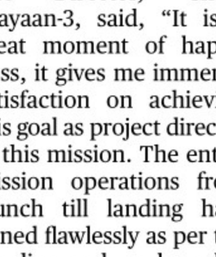
Russia's own moon mission failed earlier last week as the Luna-25 mission ended in a crash last week.

Nepal's Foreign Minister N.P. Saud also congratulated India and said, "This is not only a moment of national pride for our Indian friends but also an important milestone in the advancement of space science and technology, which ultimately contributes to making our lives better."



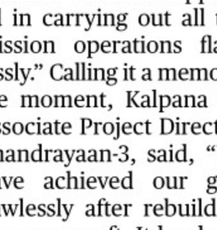
It is all the more significant because India is the only nation to have achieved the lunar landing on the South Pole of the moon. This will help scientific research

JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
Chief Justice of India



So very pleased for the scientists at ISRO. They have taught us that a setback is not a failure, it's a lesson to learn from

OMAR ABDULLAH
National Conference vice-president



ISRO has set a global standard by reaching the moon and landing at a designated location at a predetermined time

MADHAVAN NAIR
Former Chairman of ISRO

What a way to demonstrate new technologies and achieve India's first soft landing on another celestial body. Well done, I am thoroughly impressed

JOSEF ASCHBACHER
Director General, European Space Agency

I am truly thrilled that India is at the forefront of space exploration and the pursuit of sustainable living on the moon. Filled with enthusiasm for lunar exploration

SUNITA WILLIAMS
Indian-American astronaut

Congratulations to #India on being the 4th country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the moon. We're glad to be your partner on this mission!

BILL NELSON
NASA Administrator

INBRIEF

Two Vistara aircraft in near-miss at Delhi airport

A collision between two Vistara aircraft at the Delhi airport was averted on Wednesday after an air traffic controller allowed them to use the same runway at the same time. In the near-miss, a flight from Ahmedabad landed on runway 29L and was given permission to cross runway 29R. But the pilot noticed that another aircraft was preparing for take-off from runway 29R and informed the ATC. The controller has been suspended pending a probe.

One arrested for embezzling NHAI-HSIIDC funds, says ED

The Enforcement Directorate has arrested an accused over the alleged embezzlement of funds of the National Highways Authority of India and Haryana State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC). According to the ED, the arrestee, Chandra Shekhar, in connivance with others, played a key role in the fraudulent transfer funds meant for acquisition of lands to ineligible persons. It allegedly resulted in a loss of about ₹38 crore to the exchequer.

National Curriculum Framework proposes Board exams twice a year

Students of Classes 11 and 12 to study two languages, including one Indian tongue, while students of Classes 9 and 10 to study three; NCF follows the lead of NEP, 2020, and will form the basis for formulating new textbooks from Classes 3 to 12

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Students in Classes 9 and 10 will need to learn three languages, of which at least two will be Indian tongues. In Classes 11 and 12, students will have to learn two languages, one being of Indian origin, says the final National Curriculum Framework released by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on Wednesday.

The NCF was released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday.

Currently, students in Classes 9 and 10 study two languages, and students in Class 11 and 12 learn one.

The NCF expects students to achieve a "literary level" of linguistic capacity in at least one of these Indian languages, the draft says.

The NCF has also said that all students will be allowed to take Board exams at least two times in a school year, with only the best score being retained.

Learning curve: The NCF was released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday.

The NCF, drafted by the National Steering Committee headed by former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) K. Kasturirangan, follows the lead of the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, and forms the basis for formulating textbooks from Classes 3 to 12 under the Central Board of Secondary Education. Textbooks for Classes 1 and 2 have already been released by the NCERT.

So far, students from Classes 9 to 12 studied five mandatory subjects, with an option of adding one more. Now, the number of mandatory subjects for Classes 9 and 10 is seven, and it is six for Classes 11 and 12.

Optional subjects have been grouped in three parts in the NCF. The first includes art education, emphasising both visual and performing arts, with equal emphasis on making, thinking about, and appreciating works of art. It also includes physical education and vocational education.

The second group includes social science, the Humanities, and interdisciplinary areas. The third group includes science, mathematics, and computational thinking.

Term-based systems

The NCF has recommended that in the long term, all Boards should change to semester or term-based systems, where students can be tested in a subject as soon as they have completed the subject, which would reduce the content load being tested in any one examination.

For Classes 6 to 8, the NCF states that 20% content would be from the local level for the social science curriculum, 30% content from the regional level, 30% from the national level, and 20% content would be global.

The "secondary stage" has been significantly redesigned to offer more flexibility and choice for students. There is no hard separation between academic and vocational subjects, or between Science, Social Science, Art, and Physical Education. Students can choose interesting combinations of subjects for receiving their school leaving certificates.

Environmental education is given emphasis across all stages of schooling, culminating in a separate area of study in the secondary stage.

"The textbooks for Classes 3 to 12 are to be aligned with 21st century requirements, making them rooted and futuristic," the Education Minister said.

'Allow use of MPLAD funds for flood relief in Himachal'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Wednesday urged the Union government to declare Himachal Pradesh floods a national calamity and allocate ₹10,000 crore for rehabilitation and rebuilding of the State.

It also requested the chair of both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to allow parliamentarians to use the MP-Local Area Development (MPLAD) funds for the State.

Congress in-charge for Himachal Pradesh Rajeev Shukla said that in three spells of rain, the State had seen unprecedented destruction. "The State has not received the attention it deserves," he said.

He said the Centre so far had only allocated ₹200 crore, which was grossly inadequate in comparison with the scale of the tragedy. This was a human tragedy and political calculations should not dictate the rescue, rehabilitation and rebuilding, he added.

Data from several years missing from RTI portal

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Right to Information activists on Wednesday noticed that the records of their previous applications have disappeared in the hundreds from the RTIOnline portal, which allows citizens to file for access to public information from the Union government.

The Hindu viewed and verified samples of applications from two RTI activists, one of whom has had their entire account purged of information from before 2022.

The Department of Personnel and Training, which administers the portal and disseminates training and standards for how government officials must handle RTI applications, did not respond to a query from *The Hindu* on the missing data. Chandra Shekhar Gaur, an RTI activist from Madhya Pradesh, said that there was a mismatch of several hundreds in his account. Two accounts used by *The Hindu* are also missing several years worth of applications and responses.

Data disappearance represents a new low in the portal's deteriorating performance

The RTIOnline portal allows citizens to pay ₹10 through many digital payment options to file an RTI application, a facility that is far more convenient than the other typical method of mailing an application through post with a postal cheque, which must be purchased and stamped beforehand. The portal is maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

Scale of deletion

The scale of the deletion on the portal may be staggering. According to data obtained by *The Hindu*, the RTIOnline portal has processed over 58.3 lakh applications from 2013, when it was launched, to 2022.

The number of applications filed has been growing steadily, with over 12.6 lakh applications filed in 2022.

This disappearance of public information represents an additional step in the RTIOnline portal's deteriorating performance over the last few months. For at least two periods of multiple days, the portal has lagged in speed and performance, and applications were not filed with authorities until days after users made a payment.

Last year, the Union government removed the facility of creating an account on the RTIOnline portal, with the DoPT citing a "heavy load" on the website. Existing account holders must file at least one application in a six-month period if they wish to retain their accounts.

Mr. Gaur noted that the portal also lacked a 'forgot password' option, meaning that the few people who still have an account risk losing access completely if they misplace their login credentials. Having an account enables applicants' personal details to be pre-filled, making the filing process more convenient. Without it, applicants now have to fill in their details each time they file an application.

Astra air-to-air missile test-fired from Tejas in 'textbook launch'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An Astra indigenous beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile was successfully test-fired from the light combat aircraft (LCA), Tejas, off the coast of Goa on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal V. R. Chaudhari, reviewed the status of the LCA programme at the Air Headquarters.

"The missile release was successfully carried out from the aircraft at an altitude of about 20,000 ft. All the objectives of the test were met and it was a perfect textbook launch," a Defence Ministry statement said.

The test launch was monitored by the Test Director and scientists of the Aeronautical Development Agency, the Defence Research and Development Organisation, and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., along with officials from the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification and the Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance. Astra is meant to be used to engage and destroy highly manoeuvring supersonic targets.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the launch would significantly enhance the combat prowess of Tejas and reduce the dependence on imported weapons.

On the Air chief's review of the LCA programme which saw senior functionaries from the Ministry of Defence, DRDO, HAL and ADA, the IAF said in a statement, "During the review, it was brought out that all contracted fighter variants of the LCA Mk-1 had been delivered to the IAF."

The IAF has earlier contracted 40 LCA-MK1 in two batches which include 32 single-seat fighters and eight twin-seat trainers. The IAF contracted 83 LCA Mk1A in 2021 and the deliveries are scheduled to begin by February 2024. The Air chief indicated that the LCA Mk1A could be inducted in a newly raised squadron in one of the IAF's operational bases, early next year, the statement said.

No end to shortage of TB drugs, States asked to buy them on their own: official

R. Prasad
CHENNAI

India is facing an acute shortage of tuberculosis drugs, including medicines used for treating drug-resistant TB such as Linezolid, Clofazimine, and Cycloserine.

Shortage of medicines used for treating drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB began last year and has been continuing across India for about a year now. It started with shortage of Rifampicin used for treating drug-sensitive TB and now includes drug-resistant TB drugs too.

"The Union government has not supplied adequate doses of Rifampicin and some drugs used for treating people with multidrug-resistant TB [MDR-TB]," said Asha Frederick, Tamil Nadu State TB Officer. "The States have been asked to procure the drugs themselves but no additional funding has been provided."

During the pandemic, there was a sharp fall in new cases being detected and hence, notification of TB cases by the public sector dipped. All TB drugs were supplied by the Union government during the pandemic without any glitch. With TB notification by the public sector improving and nearly reaching pre-pandemic levels, drug procurement and supply by the Union government to States has not kept pace, resulting in a shortage, Dr. Frederick said.

According to State TB officer, T.N. will not face any shortage for the next two months.

"There is currently no shortage of any TB drug in Tamil Nadu. We will not face any shortage for the next two months. We keep a close watch on buffer stock every month," she told *The Hindu*.

"The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation procures drugs for the State. Since it takes 20-40 days for TNMSC to procure drugs through tendering, we at times give funds to districts to buy the drugs locally. If one district has a shortage of any drug it gets it from other districts that have surplus stock," Dr. Frederick said.

The new short-course drug regimen of Isoniazid-Rifapentine given once weekly for 12 weeks (3HP) to prevent TB in people with latent TB infection was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March. But the Union government has not supplied the 3HP combination drug to States since then.

"Tamil Nadu had procured the combination drug for short-course TB Preventive Treatment [TPT] last year itself and so we began the TPT programme in May this year, the first State to launch the programme," she said.

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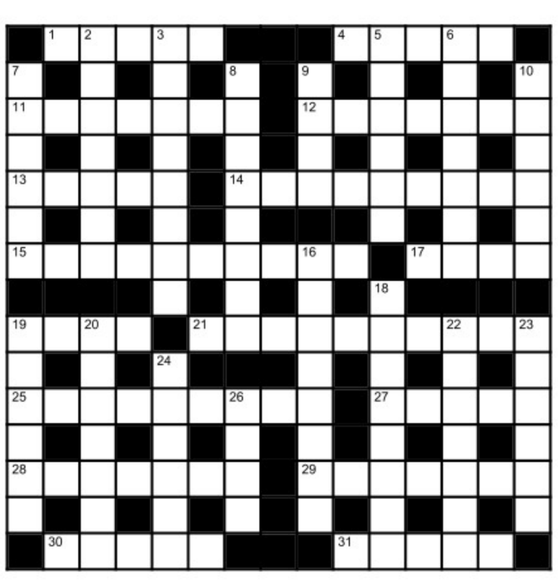

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11 Expert democrats working out of DC (7)
12 Pure evil expression of hesitation while entering Church (7)
13 Noise in family gatherings initially (5)
14 Thriving fans dressed like this to watch Barbie? (2,3,4)
15 Flaunting his gown (7,3)
17 Raised money sacking associate (4)
19 Trend created using love for article (4)
21 Uncle's muscle game, according to Spooner (10)
25 "Love isn't complicated", point authors (9)
27 Picture book of a lake behind (5)
28 He's possibly concerned with separating Desh and Darbar (4,3)
29 A French academician sadly died alone (7)
30 Instrument played even by amateur (5)
31 Danger of revolution in Somali republic (5)

Down

2 Regularly sources grain for plant (7)
3 Expression of frustration in loss? (3,5)
5 Indian swiping English nurse's dating app (6)
6 Studio where I let art displays on the counter (7)
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8 Dreadfully angry about opposition leader greeting ethnic minority (8)
9 Basically pronounced somewhat surreptitiously to alert (4)
10 Pointed and looked at the audience (6)
16 Chinese geomancy in Iron houses initially using tanks (4,4)
18 How to get for eg. a fracture? (8)
19 Reports say Bitcoin creators are younger teens (6)
20 Mixed biryani ultimately served hot (7)
22 Doha writer's incomplete coverage of total game! (7)
23 Solution left around me and you initially (6)
24 His call to young India often ends in catchphrase (6)
26 School party left by British band (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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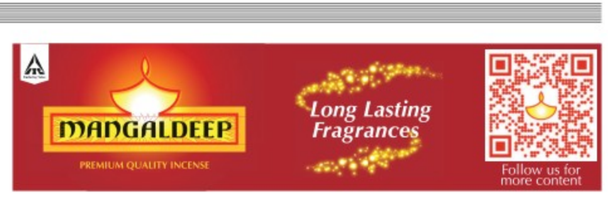


FAITH

Obstacles in our path

Explaining Pillai Lokachariar's Srivachana Bhushanam, M.A. Venkatakrishnan said ego and pride are the biggest obstacles in our path when we seek liberation. An important injunction to remember is that one should treat one's atma as one's enemy! What does this mean? A man will not want his enemy to get anything he desires. In the same way, when it comes to worldly desires, he should hope that his atma should not enjoy any of the worldly things he desires. There is a story in the Mahabharata about a man who was chased by a tiger. As he kept running from the tiger, he fell into an abandoned well. Luckily for him, there was a bush to hold on to. So he did not fall into the well, at the bottom of which were snakes. A rat was gnawing at the branch he was holding, so that his fall into the well was certain. He could not go out, as the tiger was outside. At this time, a few drops of honey dripped from a beehive in a tree near the well. The man, whose life was in danger, turned his head, put out his tongue and enjoyed the sweetness of the honey that dropped on to his tongue. Such is our nature, for we are anxious to make the most of the pleasures of life. Instead of thinking of ways to exit the samsaric cycle, we are busy enjoying life.

Association with those who mislead us will result in more births for us, and they should be seen as snakes.

BERLIN

German government plans to ease citizenship rules for immigrants

AFP

The German Cabinet on Wednesday approved plans to shorten the path to citizenship for immigrants and allow more people to have dual nationality. Under the proposed new rules, which must still be approved by Parliament, naturalisation in Germany would be possible after five years instead of eight as now. AFP

HARARE

Mnangagwa seeks second term as Zimbabwe votes in high-stake polls

AFP

Zimbabweans voted in closely watched elections in which President Emmerson Mnangagwa is seeking a second term after a campaign tainted by a crackdown on the Opposition, fears of vote rigging and public anger at the economic crisis. He squares off against the 45-year-old Nelson Chamisa. AFP

MECCA

Storms in Saudi Arabia bring lightning, fierce winds to Mecca

AFP

Fierce storms closed schools in Saudi Arabia's Mecca region, home to Islam's holiest site, the Grand Mosque, which was lashed by heavy rain and wind overnight. As pilgrims approached the Kaaba, the giant black cube towards which Muslims pray, a bolt of lightning struck the iconic Fairmont Makkah Clock Royal Tower hotel. AFP

HELSINKI

Finland culls 1,20,000 foxes and minks after the outbreak of bird flu

AFP

Finland, Europe's largest producer of fox fur, is culling 1,20,000 farmed foxes and minks in response to bird flu outbreaks in the country's fur farms, officials said on Wednesday. H5N1 bird flu outbreaks in seagulls were reported in June and the first cases of infected fur farm animals were detected in Finland in July. AFP

Russian mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin feared dead in plane crash

The 62-year-old Wagner chief spearheaded a mutiny against Russia's top Army brass on June 23-24; Russian officials say he was listed as a passenger on the private jet that carried 10 persons and had no survivors following the crash near Moscow

Reuters
MOSCOW

Russian mercenary chief Yevgeny Prigozhin was listed as a passenger on a private jet which crashed on Wednesday evening north of Moscow with no survivors, the Russian authorities said.

There was no confirmation that Mr. Prigozhin was physically on board and Reuters could not immediately confirm that he was on the aircraft.

"An investigation has been launched into an Embraer plane crash that occurred tonight in the Tver region. According to the passenger list, the name and surname of Yevgeny Prigozhin is among them," Rosaviatsia, Russia's aviation agency, was cited as saying by the state TASS news agency.

Sudden shock: The private jet that crashed in the Tver region north of Moscow in Russia on Wednesday. AFP

Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement that the aircraft travelling from Moscow to St. Petersburg had crashed near the village of Kuzhenkino in the Tver Region.

It said that 10 persons had been on board, including three crew members. According to preliminary information, everyone on board had been killed, it said.

Mr. Prigozhin, 62, spearheaded a mutiny against Russia's top Army brass on June 23-24 which President Vladimir Putin said could have tipped Russia into civil war.

The mutiny was ended by negotiations and an apparent Kremlin deal which saw Mr. Prigozhin agree to relocate to neighbouring Belarus. But he had appeared to move freely inside Russia after the deal nonetheless.

Mr, Prigozhin, who had sought to topple Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Valery Gerasimov, chief of the general staff, on Monday posted a video address which he suggested was taken in Africa.

Utkin feared dead

Unconfirmed Russian media reports said that Dmitry Utkin, Prigozhin's right-hand man, was also on board and that Mr. Prigozhin and his associates had attended a meeting with officials from the Russian Defence Ministry.

Reuters could not confirm that and there was no immediate comment from the defence ministry or the Kremlin.

Second jet

Soon after the plane dropped out of the sky, a second private jet linked to Mr. Prigozhin which also appeared to be heading to St Petersburg, Prigozhin's home base, turned back to Moscow, flight tracking data showed, and later landed.

The flight radar 24 online tracker showed that the Embraer Legacy 600 (plane number RA-02795) had dropped off the radar at 6:11 p.m. time. An unverified video clip posted to social media showed a plane resembling a private jet falling out of the sky towards the earth.

Another unverified clip showed the still burning wreckage of the plane on the ground. At least one body was visible.

Russian general not seen since Wagner mutiny 'sacked'

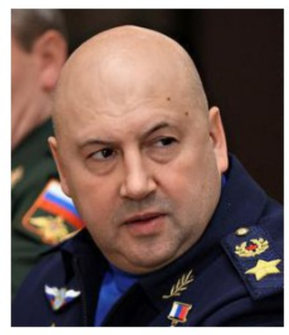
Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

The head of Russia's aerospace force General Sergei Surovikin has been sacked, the state media said on Wednesday, after he disappeared from public view following a failed mutiny by the Wagner mercenary group in June.

Nicknamed "General Armageddon" for his ruthless methods, Mr. Surovikin had close ties with Wagner and was rumoured to have been removed after the mercenary group rebelled against Russia's military leadership.

Successor named

"Ex-chief of the Russian Aerospace Forces Sergei Surovikin has been relieved of his post," Russia's state-run RIA news agency said. It said that Colonel-General Viktor Afzalov, Chief of Staff of the aerospace force, would temporarily replace Mr. Surovikin



Sergei Surovikin

in his former role.

Mr. Surovikin – a veteran of Moscow's wars starting with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan – was a leading commander in Moscow's Ukraine offensive and had long been seen as Wagner's ally in the Defence Ministry.

In May, when Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin furiously accused Russian military leaders of failing to provide his forces with ammunition, Mr. Surovikin was officially named as an intermediary between Wagner and the Army.

U.S. visa curbs on China over policy on Tibet children

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The U.S. said on Tuesday it was imposing visa sanctions on Chinese officials pursuing "forced assimilation" of children in Tibet, where UN experts say one million children have been separated from their families.

In the latest of a series of U.S. moves on Beijing despite a resumption of high-level dialogue, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the U.S. would restrict visas to Chinese officials behind the policy of state boarding schools.

"These coercive policies seek to eliminate Tibet's distinct linguistic, cultural and religious traditions among younger generations of Tibetans," Mr. Blinken said.

China called the U.S.-backed allegations "smears" that "seriously undermine China-U.S. relations."

New Thai PM takes office, vows four years of change

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

Thailand's new Prime Minister vowed to bring four years of change to the kingdom as he took office on Wednesday at the head of a controversial coalition including pro-military parties linked to former coup-makers.

The appointment of former property mogul Srettha Thavisin – of the Pheu Thai party long associated with billionaire ex-premier Thaksin Shinawatra – ends months of political deadlock.

The 61-year-old was confirmed by parliamentary vote on Tuesday, just hours after Mr. Thaksin returned to the kingdom from 15 years of exile and was immediately jailed on old graft charges.

Initiation rituals: Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin pays respect in front of the portrait of King Maha Vajiralongkorn in Bangkok. AP

Mr. Srettha received King Maha Vajiralongkorn's official written command to form a government.

Thaksin's situation

The timing of Mr. Thaksin's return, along with Pheu Thai's decision to share power with pro-military parties, has led many to speculate that a backroom deal has been struck to grant him leniency.

The former Manchester City owner, 74, was moved from a prison quarantine facility to a police hospital.

Officials said he was suffering from multiple health problems, including heart trouble, and needed monitoring in hospital.

Trump to be booked at infamous Atlanta jail for election collusion

Agence France-Presse
ATLANTA

When Donald Trump surrenders on Thursday to face charges he tried to overturn the 2020 election he is expected to do so at an Atlanta jail where conditions are so notorious they are under investigation by the Justice Department.

The 77-year-old former President and the 18 co-defendants in the election racketeering case are to be booked at the Fulton County Jail, also known as the Rice Street Jail, according to the sheriff's office.

The conditions at the Fulton county jail are so notorious that they are under investigation by the Justice Department

Mr. Trump, the frontrunner for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, and the other co-defendants have until noon (1600 GMT) on Friday to surrender voluntarily to the charges they conspired to overturn the billionaire's election loss to Biden in Georgia.

In a fundraising appeal, he said it would take place at a jail "which has been described as a 'humanitarian crisis'" where "guards have collected over 1,000 shanks fashioned from the crumbling walls."

The Justice Department opened a probe in July into conditions at the Fulton County Jail, where a number of detainees have died in recent years.

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Date: 23.08.2023 HPKVN/1(563)/2020- Procurement CoE Vol III

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(PRE QUALIFICATION TWO COVER SYSTEM)
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INBRIEF

Honeywell sets up airfield ground lighting in Gurugram

Honeywell India unveiled Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL) solutions at its 41,000-sq. ft facility in Gurugram on Wednesday. The facility represented the entire set of ground-installed luminaires and related ancillaries that would help aircraft land and find their way to their stand even in adverse weather conditions, the company said. The solutions being developed in India are Federal Aviation Administration certified and compliant with International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards.

Meesho to digitise 10 million sellers in India by 2027

E-commerce platform Meesho said it has a mandate to digitise 10 million sellers in India by 2027 as part of its goal to equip MSMEs for the digital age. Meesho further said its seller ramp up plan was in in tune with the Union Government's decision to relax the mandatory GST requirement for online sales for businesses with annual turnover of less than ₹40 lakh. According to a recent report by RedSeer, India boasts of an estimated 85 million MSMEs, yet only 1.5 million currently operate within the online sphere.

Nasscom's sector skill council unveils talent connect portal

The sector skill council at Nasscom on Wednesday unveiled a 'Nasscom Talent Connect' portal. According to a statement from the apex body, the platform will serve as an exclusive portal for enterprises looking to hire digitally skilled and certified industry-ready talent for both IT and non-IT sectors, and aspiring tech candidates looking to head-start their careers in the technology industry. The platform will also enable freshers and professionals with career breaks to enter the workforce.

Goyal upbeat about G20 trade talks

G20's trade and investment working groups have worked hard to forge a consensus on five key priorities that ministers will now take up, says India's Union Minister of Commerce; areas include building resilient global value chains and WTO reform

Vikas Dhoot
JAIPUR

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday expressed confidence that the G20 trade and investment ministerial summit would deliver actionable and concrete outcomes that would help the world withstand "any future shocks" like the supply chain crises witnessed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The G20's trade and investment working groups comprising officials from member countries, which have met on three earlier occasions during India's ongoing G20 presidency, reconvened this week in Rajasthan's capital. The groups had worked hard to forge a consensus on five key priorities that ministers would now take up, Mr. Goyal said. These priorities include pursuing trade for growth and prosperity, building resilient global value chains, integrating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in global trade, improving trade logistics and facilitation, and reform of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Focussed on outcomes

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is confident that the G20 trade and investment ministerial summit will yield concrete outcomes

- Aim is to help the world withstand 'future shocks' like supply chain crises spurred by COVID-19 pandemic
- Priorities include integrating MSMEs in global trade and improving trade logistics and facilitation
- India to push for a rules-based, open and inclusive multilateral trading system

'Digitalisation of trade'

"Two issues which Prime Minister Modi has also highlighted at the BRICS summit in South Africa have been deliberated at length – digitalisation of trade and trade facilitation and the importance of resilient and timely, trusted and transparent global supply chains," Mr. Goyal said. "And we are confident that at this ministerial meeting, we will come up with a concrete actionable outcome agenda, which will help the world withstand any future shocks," the Minister added.

Mr. Goyal also reiterated India's push for a rules-based, open and inclusive multilateral trading system and said there was a need to revive the dispute resolution mechanism at the WTO that had been defunct for years. The summit, which opens with an address from Mr. Modi on Thursday, includes representatives from the WTO and is set to include a more than three-hour-long discussion on multilateral trade for growth and reforms of the trade body.

Bilateral meetings are also planned with ministers from G20 nations, including the U.K. and Australia.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	65,433	0.33
US Dollar	82.72	0.32
Gold	59,500	0.15
Brent oil	83.34	-0.90

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2530.30	-167.75
Adani Ports	825.70	-28.80
Apollo Hosp	4945.60	25.95
Asian Paints	3168.80	-10.90
Axis Bank	979.25	22.20
Bajaj Auto	4660.75	32.35
Bajaj Finserv	1470.10	2.30
Bajaj Finance	7116.45	46.50
Bharti Airtel	868.15	-9.50
BPCL	344.80	-2.10
Britannia Ind	4512.45	0.80
Cipla	1230.65	9.65
Coal India	230.90	0.15
Divis Lab	3704.15	50.90
Dr. Reddy's Lab	5953.35	27.80
Eicher Motors	3358.00	14.60
Grasim Ind	1797.65	-8.15
HCL Tech	1182.50	3.00
HDFC Bank	1586.60	3.90
HDFC Life	633.20	-2.65
Hero MotoCorp	2951.75	-5.00
Hindalco	461.25	10.90
Hind Unilever	2574.05	8.25
ICICI Bank	966.85	14.85
IndusInd Bank	1401.00	-0.15
Infosys	1407.95	4.20
ITC	450.45	-3.80
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	224.65	-11.80
JSW Steel	797.90	2.70
Kotak Bank	1780.05	16.95
L&T	2717.60	38.80
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5174.50	34.60
M&M	1542.45	-8.05
Maruti Suzuki	9600.95	109.05
NestleIndia	22183.15	157.20
NTPC	221.70	0.00
ONGC	175.50	-0.65
PowerGrid Corp	249.60	1.80
Reliance Ind	2522.20	2.80
SBI Life	1300.25	13.50
State Bank	576.90	8.40
Sun Pharma	1123.70	-13.85
TataConsumerProduct	844.55	-4.25
Tata Motors	613.90	-6.30
Tata Steel	118.95	1.40
TCS	3398.25	16.10
Tech Mahindra	1201.00	-12.20
Titan	3070.00	-5.60
UltraTech Cement	8161.90	-41.60
UPL	585.75	1.90
Wipro	415.25	-1.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.49	82.80
Euro	89.17	89.52
British Pound	104.21	104.62
Japanese Yen (100)	56.69	56.91
Chinese Yuan	11.31	11.36
Swiss Franc	93.61	93.98
Singapore Dollar	60.71	60.95
Canadian Dollar	60.75	60.99
Malaysian Ringitt	17.70	17.78
Australian Dollar	52.90	53.11

Source:Indian Bank

Qatar's QIA to invest ₹8,278 crore in RRVL

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd. (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd., said on Wednesday that Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) has agreed to invest ₹8,278 crore in the company through a wholly owned subsidiary.

This investment values RRVL at a pre-money equity value of ₹8.278 lakh crore, RRVL said in a statement. QIA's investment will translate into a minority equity stake of 0.99% in RRVL on a fully diluted basis.

"The previous fundraise round by RRVL in 2020 from various global investors of an aggregate amount of ₹47,265 crore was done at a pre-money equity value of ₹4.21 lakh crore," RRVL added.

RRVL, through its subsidiaries and associates, operates a network of more than 18,500 stores and digital commerce platforms across grocery, consumer electronics, fashion & lifestyle, and pharma consumption baskets.

TVS Supply Chain slips almost 3% on trading debut

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Shares of TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. ended lower by almost 3% on the BSE and NSE respectively on the company's trading debut on Wednesday.

On the NSE, the stock listed at ₹207.05 compared with the issue price of ₹197 apiece and closed 2.87% lower at ₹201.10. On the BSE, the shares listed at ₹206.30, but closed 2.59% lower at ₹200.95.

The issue proceeds will be used for repayment of debt availed by the firm and subsidiaries and general corporate purposes.

TVSM rolls out TVS X crossover e-2 wheeler

N. Anand
DUBAI

TVS Motor Company Ltd. unveiled 'first-of-its-kind' crossover electric two-wheeler, targeting Gen Z and millennialls globally.

Priced at ₹2.50 lakh, TVS X will be rolled out in India by November with exports starting next fiscal.

It is the second EV from the company's stable after iQube which has enjoyed sales of 1.5 lakh units so far.

TVSM has invested ₹250 crore in TVS X project. The firm plans to produce 100 vehicles a day, or about 30,000 units per year. The product will be rolled out in phases from Q4.

EVs now account for 20% of sales and it would be doubled in two years, said Sudarshan Venu, MD.

He said they would continue to invest in internal combustion engine vehicles as well as EVs. "Both will continue to grow and that is why we are investing in these segments."

(The writer is in Dubai at the invitation of TVSM)

India said to be set to ban sugar exports as yields drop

Reuters
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

India is expected to ban mills from exporting sugar in the next season starting October, halting shipments for the first time in seven years, as a lack of rain has cut cane yields, three government sources said.

India's absence from the world market would likely push up international benchmark prices that are already trading around multi-year highs, triggering fears of further inflation on global food markets.

"Our primary focus is to fulfil local sugar requirements," said a government source who asked not to be named in line with rules.

'The view that you lend and lose money in villages is wrong'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Rahul Shyam Shukla

The perception that you lend and lose money in villages is incorrect and therefore HDFC Bank will remain bullish on rural markets with a goal to serve people in over two lakh villages in India by the end of March 2024, said Rahul Shyam Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking, HDFC.

"The perception that you lend and lose money in villages is incorrect. As you go deeper, you will see that the rural segment offers a good banking opportunity," Mr. Shukla told *The Hindu*.

"In the next five years, we believe one of the biggest banking opportunities will be the agriculture segment," he added.

Mr. Shukla noted that earlier farm yields and the prices that farmers got were low; today, however, small farmers get better produce and prices.

Skoda, Tata AutoComp to make parts for public mobility

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata AutoComp, an auto component player, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Skoda Group to set a framework for a strategic joint venture aimed at producing components for the growing Indian railway and public mobility market.

Tata AutoComp said it has a significant play in providing systems and components for EVs and this partnership would strengthen its capability in the railway, metro and bus segments. Skoda said it aims to expand its footprint in the rail and urban transport sectors.

Textile-export revival likely soon: industry

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The textile industry may soon witness a revival of orders, especially from overseas markets, in the second half of the financial year, industry officials said.

"Exports were down last year and so far, this year," Sunil Patwari, Chairman of Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council told the media. "But, this cycle should end soon."

The year 2023-2024 is expected to end with almost the same level of exports as last year (about $40 billion), Rakesh Mehra, Deputy Chairman of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry added.

"Even to maintain retail sales, global buyers will buy more as their inventory is getting over. That will increase exports."

The new cotton season will start on October 1, bringing more cotton into the market, moderating prices, Mr. Patwari added.

Sugar industry demands roadmap on ethanol sourcing

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The government should come out with a clear roadmap on ethanol sourcing from the sugar industry, said Aditya Jhunjhunwala, President of the Indian Sugar Mills Association.

"We (the sugar industry) need to double capacity to produce 750 crore litres. We need to put up more plants and that requires capex. We need a clear road map and the prices should be based on FRP, inflation, sugar prices etc.," he said.

Niti Aayog envisages requirement of 1,400 crore litres of ethanol to achieve 20% blending by 2025-2026. In the current ethanol year, almost 550 crore litres of ethanol have been produced of which 450 crore litres came from the sugar industry.

The sugar industry sees a need to invest almost ₹17,500 crore and expects a reasonable return on investment to create additional ethanol capacity. For this, it needs to know the pricing roadmap, Mr. Jhunjhunwala added.

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Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Last date of Online submission
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2.	T507(R)/2023	MRI Scanner 3T, CT Scanner 256 Slice, CT Scanner 16 Slice (Model D), CT Simulator, Line Bolt Assay System and Accessories, Video Laryngoscope Endoscope and Chest Holder, Ultrasound Machine with Color Doppler (3D/4D Model D), Inverted Phase Contrast Microscope, Digital Dental X-Ray Unit (Pediatric)	

Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.
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Online applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for filling up posts of Post Doctoral Certificate Course (PDCC) & Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) (ONE YEAR duration course) in various Departments of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow

Pay Scale, Pay & Level	Name of Courses	Departments/Specialities
Rs 15600-39100/- (Level-11). Basic Pay Rs 67700/- plus other allowances as per rules	PDCC	Pathology, Anaesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, General Medicine, Clinical Hematology. Radio diagnosis & Orthopedics.
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Bids for five No. of works "1-Repair and strengthening of Leva Talab Tehsil and District Baran (Rs. 205.85 Lac), 2-Renovation and Strengthening of Kalmanda Talab Tehsil and District Baran (Rs. 195.59 Lac), 3-Renovation and Strengthening of Tumda Talab Tehsil and District Baran (Rs. 147.06 Lac), 4-Renovation and strengthening of Bamla Talab II Tehsil and District Baran (Rs. 98.04 Lac) and 5-Construction of anicut of Bhoopsi River Patna Tehsil Atru District Baran (Rs. 98.00 lac)" are invited from interested bidders (registered in appropriate class) from 14.08.2023 (9:30 AM) to 24.08.2023 till 18:00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.nic.in, dipronline.rajasthan.gov.in and www.water.rajasthan.gov.in.
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Last date of bid submission : 31.08.2023
4) Contract KBC- 05: Construction of Entry & Exit Buildings of Chittethukara, KINFRA PARK and Infopark Metro Station for Phase II of Kochi Metro Rail Project excluding Architectural and Building Service
Tender-id : 2023_KMRL_595735_1
Last date of bid submission : 04.09.2023
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PACE, THE ACE

Rauf leads Pakistan's rout of Afghanistan in first one-dayer

Fast bowler Haris Rauf led a pace assault on Afghanistan with career-best figures of five for 18 to give Pakistan a 142-run victory in the first ODI in Hambantota (Sri Lanka) on Tuesday.
The scores: Pakistan 201 in 47.1 overs (Imam 61) bt Afghanistan 59 in 19.2 overs (Rauf 5/18).

GRATEFUL

Shreyas thanks NCA staff following his return to Asia Cup squad

Shreyas Iyer extended his thanks to the NCA staff who helped him find his way back into the Indian cricket team for the Asia Cup 2023 after a back injury. "Been a long journey but I'm super grateful to the people who stood by my side. Thank you Nitin bhai, Rajini sir and everyone at The NCA, who've been tirelessly helping me."

HOPPING ON

Bell and Foster join New Zealand coaching set-up for England tour

New Zealand Cricket said on Wednesday that former English Internationals Ian Bell, *in pic.*, and James Foster will help coach the Black Caps on their white-ball tour of England which starts next week. New Zealand performance manager Simon Insley said the England pair will boost the Kiwis' back-room staff.

BASELINE

ATP set to trial the minimum wage initiative from 2024

The ATP will guarantee its players a minimum wage for the first time as part of a three-year trial to be launched in 2024, men's tennis' governing body said. The Baseline programme will guarantee minimum income for the top 250-ranked singles players and the ATP will cover a shortfall should their earnings fall below the threshold.

Unwell Carlsen, focused Pragg play out quick draw

The early finish, with both having more than an hour on the clock, has given them enough time to return with renewed energy on Thursday; the Norwegian calls the Indian a 'very strong' player

CHESS WORLD CUP

Rakesh Rao

Stalemate: Praggnanandhaa feels that it was due to ill-health that Carlsen chose to play for a draw. FIDE

Recovering from a bout of food poisoning, an unwell Magnus Carlsen chose to play out a quick draw that R. Praggnanandhaa did not mind. As a result of this breezy 30-move draw on Wednesday, the battle for the World Cup will be decided in tie-break games in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Thursday.

The second classical time-control game was the shortest for both players in the competition. The opening choice of Carlsen, where all four knights are out of their starting blocks within the first three moves, usually leads to an equal endgame. The series of exchanges that followed left none in doubt that the game was headed for an early finish.

By the time the players completed the mandatory 30 moves before a draw offer could be made, each player had a bishop and six pawns. The early finish, with both players having more than an hour on the clock, gave enough time for the finalists to return on Thursday with renewed energy.

For the record, so far in the competition, Carlsen figured in only four tie-break games – all against young German Vincent Keymer – while Praggnanandhaa played two against Hikaru Nakamura, seven against Arjun Erigiasi and four against Fabiano Caruana.

"It doesn't matter," said Praggnanandhaa when asked about having more experience of playing tie-break games, than Carlsen, in this World Cup. "Magnus is the favourite in any format, even in bullet (1-minute chess games). Anything can happen so I'll give my best and see."

Asked about the short draw, Praggnanandhaa said, "Mainly, it was due to his bad health because it is very rare to see Magnus playing for a draw with white (pieces).

"I realised after his fifth move (when Carlsen went for an exchange of knights) that he just wanted to make a draw. I also feel exhausted. Now I can give everything for tomorrow [Thursday] and relax after that."

Talking about the first game, Praggnanandhaa said, "It didn't feel that he was having a lot of energy but during the game I didn't think he was unwell. I hope he recovers on Thursday.

Fresh mind

"I want to rest today and come out with a fresh mind. It is important because I've been playing a lot of tie-break games here. So I know it can take a lot of games, even shorter ones. I've to be ready for everything."

Carlsen said he was feeling a little better than he did the previous day. "Still, it didn't feel like I had the energy for a full fight. So I thought, let's get one more day of rest. Hopefully, I'll have more strength on Thursday."

Showing respect for his young rival, the World No 1 said, "He has already played a lot of tie-break games against some very strong players. I know he is very strong. If I have the energy, if I have a good day, obviously, I will have a good chance."

Later, the battle for the third place also moved to Thursday when Fabiano Caruana defeated local hope Nijat Asabov in 59 moves to avenge the loss suffered on Tuesday.

The results (Game 2):
Open (final): Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 1) drew with R. Praggnanandhaa (1).
For third place: Fabiano Caruana (USA, 1) bt Nijat Abasov (Aze, 1).

Aldrin makes the special bib count, progresses to final

ATHLETICS WORLDS

Jonathan Selvaraj
BUDAPEST

Aldrin... first Indian to reach the medal round in Budapest. AP

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin became the first Indian to reach the final of this edition of the World Championships.

Although he fouled the last two jumps, Aldrin leapt to 8m in his first of three attempts in the qualification round. Seven jumpers made the final by attaining the eye-watering automatic qualification mark of 8.15m while Jamaica's Wayne Pinnock jumped a world-leading 8.54m – the second-highest jump ever recorded in qualification.

Aldrin had come to Budapest as the world leader this season, having leapt to a National record 8.42m at the AFI National Jumps competition in March this year. This was the first time an Indian athlete has ever got into the World Championships as the world leader.

The mark came with a special bib – Aldrin's name was highlighted in green (others had their names against a white backdrop).

"I was really happy to get that bib. It's a proud feeling that I was the world leader. But I didn't have any pressure because of it. I just wanted to enjoy the competition. I just wanted to have fun, do a good jump and, if possible, get into the world final," Aldrin said.

Murali Sreeshankar, who came into the Worlds with a silver medal at the Asian Championships and a jump of 8.37m, only managed to jump 7.74m, 7.66m and 6.70m in qualification. He finished 22nd overall.

Javelin thrower Annu Rani, also a national record holder but struggling for form in recent times, produced her second worst performance of the season.

Her effort of 57.05m pushed her to 11th in Group A and 19th overall.

Parul qualifies

Parul Chaudhary secured a spot in the women's 3000m steeplechase final with a personal best of 9:24.29. She finished fifth in her heat.

Final T20I washed out; Men in Blue win series 2-0

Over the moon: For the Indian players, there was no live action but only the live telecast of Chandrayaan-3 making a landing. X@BCCI

INDIA IN IRELAND

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The third and final T20I between India and Ireland was washed out without a ball being bowled here on Wednesday.

India had already sealed the series 2-0 with a win in the second T20I on Sunday. The series opener, which India won by two runs via DLS method, was also marred by rain.

The toss for the final game was delayed due to rain and following multiple inspections, the umpires called off the match three hours after the scheduled start time.

The series was marked by impressive comebacks from injured pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Prasidh Krishna. The former led a the team full of youngsters in the absence of senior players, the focus being on the ODI format ahead of the World Cup at home in October-November.

The series will also be remembered for the much-awaited debut of IPL sensation Rinku Singh, who made an impact in the only innings he got on the short tour.

Sanju Samson, who is seen as a back-up to K.L. Rahul in the ODI format, made a brisk 40 though he has a slim chance of securing a World Cup berth.

Shivam Dube contributed with both bat and ball in the series.

Treesa-Gayatri, Satwik-Chirag pairs in pre-quarterfinals

BADMINTON WORLDS

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COPENHAGEN

Clinical: Treesa-Gayathri pair put up a flawless performance against Chang and Yang to seal the deal in 38 minutes. FILE PHOTO

The Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a 21-16, 21-9 win over Australia's Kenneth Zhe Hooi Choo and Ming Chuen Lim at the World Championships here on Wednesday.

The World No. 2 pair of Satwik and Chirag, who had won a maiden bronze in the last edition, produced a clinical display to get past their opponents in a 30-minute contest.

Satwik and Chirag hardly broke sweat as they zoomed to 7-3 before entering the break with a four-point lead. The match hardly witnessed any long rallies as the Indians were a cut above their rivals.

The women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand produced a solid performance to advance to the pre-quarterfinals with a 21-18, 21-10 win over Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tun of Chinese Taipei. The match lasted 38 minutes.

Treesa and Gayatri trailed 2-5 early on but soon started and extending the rallies to draw more errors from their opponents.

A serve error from Chang and Yang gave the Indian pair four game points.

Treesa sent one wide and then hit the net to squander two of them before sealing it when Yang sprayed into the net.

After the change of sides, Gayatri and Treesa continued the momentum, leading 8-5 at one stage and taking a three-point cushion at the interval.

Gayatri and Treesa then stepped up the pace to make it 14-8 and went on to win at a canter.

The results (round-of-32) :
Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Kenneth Zhe Hooi Choo & Ming Chuen Lim (Aus) 21-16, 21-9
Women's doubles: Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Chang & Yang (Tpe) 21-18, 21-10.

Tausaga stuns the field in discus; Tamberi, Kipyegon and Bakkali win

Reuters
BUDAPEST

Making a splash: Bakkali was unstoppable in the 3000m steeplechase while Tausaga produced a dream throw to land the discus gold on a day when Kipyegon and Tamberi also reigned. GETTY IMAGES, AP

Laulauga Tausaga obliterated her personal best by over four metres to take a stunning World Championships discus gold on Tuesday.

Tausaga, who finished last in the previous two Worlds finals, had a best of 65.46m but somehow found 69.49m with her fifth throw.

Olympic champion Valarie Allman had a first throw of 68.57m before improving that to 69.23 in the fourth. However, the Hawaii-born Tausaga produced a Bob Beamonesque throw. Feng Bin of China took the bronze (68.20m).

Italy's Olympic champion Gianmarco Tamberi captured his first World high jump title after a dramatic battle with young American JuVaughn Harrison. Tamberi cleared a world-leading 2.36m for gold. Though Harrison also cleared 2.36, he had more misses on the countback. Qatar's Mutaz Barshim cleared 2.33 for bronze.

The 31-year-old Tamberi leapt into the water hazard of the steeplechase in wild celebration along with Soufiane El Bakkali of Morocco, who had just raced to gold in the men's 3,000m steeplechase. It was the Moroccan's second successive World title. Kenyan middle-distance superstar Faith Kipyegon claimed a hat-trick of World 1,500m gold medals as she ran a perfect race to come home in 3:54.87. Ethiopia's Diribe Welteji took silver in 3:55.69 and Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands bagged the bronze in 3:56.00.

BookMyShow is ticketing platform for ODI WC 2023

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

The BCCI on Wednesday announced BookMyShow as the ticketing platform for the ICC men's Cricket World Cup 2023. India will play its warm-up games on September 30 against England at Guwahati and against Netherlands at Thiruvananthapuram on October 3.

The schedule:
Mastercard pre-sale: All non-India matches excluding warm-up games (August 24, from 6 p.m.); All India games excluding warm-ups (August 29, 6 p.m.); Semifinals & Final (September 14, 6 p.m.).
For other users: Non-India warm-ups and all non-India matches (August 25, 8 p.m.).
India matches: At Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram (August 30, 8 p.m.); Chennai, Delhi and Pune (August 31, 8 p.m.); Dharamsala, Lucknow and Mumbai (September 1, 8 p.m.); Bengaluru and Kolkata (September 2, 8 p.m.); Ahmedabad (September 3, 8 p.m.).
Semifinals and Final: (September 15, 8 p.m.).

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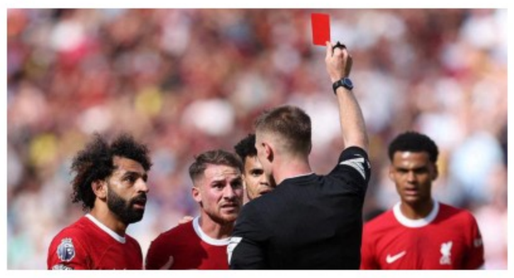

Liverpool's Mac Allister wins appeal against red card

Liverpool midfielder Alexis Mac Allister won his appeal against the red card he got in the victory over Bournemouth in the Premier League.

India women wallop England, finish third

The Indian junior women's hockey team recorded a 6-2 win over England to finish third in the 4 Nations Tournament here on Wednesday.

The result: India 6 (Neelam 25, Annu 26, 43, Sunelita Toppo 35, Hina Bano 38, Mumtaz Khan 40) bt England 2 (Claudia Swain 16, Charlotte Bingham 54).

Off-spinner Vinoop turns it Kerala's way against CAB XI

Off-spinner Vinoop S. Manoharan (four for 24) bowled Kerala to a 126-run win over Cricket Association of Bengal XI on the penultimate day of the second-round match of the All India Buchi Babu tournament at Tirunelveli on Wednesday.

The scores: At Coimbatore: Indian Railways 184 & 389 in 99.2 overs (Sagar Solanki 54, Sahab Yuvraj 60, Bhargav Merai 100, Akshat Pandey 45, Jivesh Butte 4/72) vs Chhattisgarh 194 & 96/3 in 30 overs (Shashank Chandrakar 44).
At Dindigul: Madhya Pradesh 204 & 236 in 59.2 overs (Harsh Gawli 56, Sagar Solanki 52, Jyotsnil Singh 5/52) vs Baroda 227 & 137 for four in 41 overs (Vishnu Solanki 66 batting).
At Salem: Jammu & Kashmir 256 & 285 in 86.1 overs (Shubham Khajuria 80, Shubham Pundir 71, Himanshu Chauhan 4/28) vs Delhi 386.
At Tirunelveli: Kerala 195 & 125 bt CAB XI 109 & 85 in 29.1 overs (Vinoop S. Manoharan 4/24). **Points: Kerala 6 (6), CAB XI 0(0).**

LIVE TELECAST

Maharaja T20 Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 1 & 5.30 p.m.

BWF: World Championships, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 p.m. onwards

'I think someone will crack 90m. Hopefully, it will be me'

Neeraj Chopra, the Olympic javelin champion, is coming into the event having only competed twice this year but is confident of doing well in very good conditions

ATHLETICS WORLDS

Jonathan Selvaraj
BUDAPEST

Distractions are to be expected if you are Neeraj Chopra. When the Olympic javelin champion got to the warm-up track next to Budapest's National Athletics Center on Tuesday, he dealt with a fair share of them.

There was the obligatory selfie with Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem and a few bytes for the media. Two days before he competes in the most high-profile event of the year, the weight of the country's track and field hopes once again rest on the 25-year-old's broad shoulders.

Shortly after he arrived at the venue, Neeraj made a quick recce of the stadium complex. After a light practice session, he headed to the stands to catch the day's action.

"That's how I get into the zone," Neeraj told *The Hindu*. "I always like to go to the ground when I compete in a tournament. You get the vibes of the place. Once I enter, 90% of the talk around me is about sports. And that's why we are here."

It hasn't helped Neeraj's cause that the Indian contingent has had a World Championships to forget so far. Perhaps, the most disappointing result was that of steeplechaser Avinash Sable who didn't make the final.

"I felt bad for Avinash because he works so hard. I told him you have done well and will do well. It's important to believe in yourself. Sometimes you break but you have to go back out and train once again, and prove yourself in the next competition," Neeraj said.

"Don't be disappointed after a loss. Don't get too excited after a win. If you lose, just go out and train again. If you win, just go outside and train again. It's important to stay consistent," he said.

Champion's mantra: Neeraj wants to figure in competitions where he can control his body and give 100%. GETTY IMAGES

Anxiety

Even Olympic champions get nervous and the cause of Neeraj's anxiety these days is his own body.

"I want to focus on just the sport, but there are other things I have to think about. If you have had an injury, you are tense and don't want things to go wrong on the big stage. I just want to figure in competitions where I can control my body and give 100%. I'm praying just to stay injury free," he said.

> This year, we haven't had a lot of big throws and I think there will be a good throw here

Neeraj is coming into the World Championships having only competed twice this year.

"The plan was to have more competitions. I wanted to compete in Turku (Paavo Nurmi Games), the Ostrava Golden Spike and maybe even the Asian Championships. But after the injury, I didn't want to push myself too hard because we have the Worlds and the Asian Games which are very important. I wanted to be fully fit for them," said Neeraj.

"I think I can do well here. I did well in the Doha Diamond League (a season-best throw of 88.67m). I think we have very good conditions here. This year, we haven't had a lot of big throws (no one has crossed 90m this season) and I think there will be a good throw here. I think someone will crack 90m. Hopefully, it will be me," he said.

Gold medal for Amanpreet Singh

SHOOTING

Sports Bureau

Amanpreet Singh won the gold in 25-metre standard pistol to help India maintain its No.2 status behind China on the medals table in the World Championship in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Wednesday.

Harsh Gupta missed the bronze by one point, and the Indian team missed the bronze by two points.

In women's standard pistol, the Indian shooters were unable to make an impact in the individual event in a small field, but won the team bronze behind China and host Azerbaijan.

China was on top with 13 gold, six silver and five bronze medals. India was second with five gold and four bronze. USA was third with four gold, a silver and a bronze.

In women's trap, Rajeshwari Kumari was in the fourth spot with a score of 73 following rounds of 24, 25 and 24. Jessica Rossi of Italy led with 75. Manisha Keer (68) and Preeti Rajak (67) were in the 24th and 47th spot respectively in a field of 75.

The results: 25m standard pistol: Men: 1. Amanpreet Singh 577; 2. Lee Gunhyeok (Kor) 574 (17x); Kevin Chapon (Fra) 574 (11x); 4. Harsh Gupta 573; 41. Akshay Jain 545

Team: 1. China 1707; 2. Germany 1700; 3. Korea 1697; 4. India 1695.

Women: 1. Feng Sixuan (Chn) 572; 2. Anna Korakaki (Gre) 565; 3. Sylvia Steiner (Aut) 561; 11. Tiyana Phogat 538; 12. Yashita Shokeen 536; 14. Kritika Sharma 527.

Team: 1. China 1690; 2. Azerbaijan 1629; 3. India 1601.

Sethuraman retains his half-point lead

NATIONAL CHESS

Rakesh Rao
PUNE

S.P. Sethuraman unleashed a lethal queenside offensive to shut out N.R. Visakh in just 25 moves to retain his half-point lead with a tally of 7.5 from eight rounds in the National chess championship here on Wednesday.

On a day when the top three boards saw winners emerge from behind the black pieces, P. Iniyan, Diptayan Ghosh, Aronyak Ghosh and Neelash Saha stayed half-a-point behind Sethuraman.

The results: Eighth round: N.R. Visakh (6) lost to S.P. Sethuraman (7.5); Abhimanyu Puranik (6) lost to P. Iniyan (7); Mitrabha Guha (6) lost to Diptayan Ghosh (7).

Aronyak Ghosh (7) bt Deep Sengupta (6); Neelash Saha (7) bt P. Shyaamnikhil (5.5); Surya Shekhar Ganguly (6) drew with C.R.G. Krishna (6).

N.R. Vignesh (6.5) bt Sriram Jha (5.5); Mehar Chinna Reddy (5.5) lost to G. Akash (6.5); Soham Kamotra (6) drew with Deepan Chakkravarthy (6); Rajesh Nayak (6) drew with Anuj Shrivatri (6); Apoorv Kamble (5.5) lost to Vishnu Prasanna (6.5); L.R. Srihari (6.5) bt Advaith Vignesh (5.5).

Noronha, Smaran shine as Gulbarga Mystics has it easy

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

The Gulbarga Mystics defeated Hubli Tigers by seven wickets in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday. Gulbarga recorded its fourth victory, while Hubli suffered a second loss.

K.L. Shrijith (65) and Manish Pandey (48 n.o.) came good with the bat, taking Hubli to 164 for six in 20 overs.

In response, Gulbarga's Macneil Noronha (65 n.o.) and R. Smaran (56) put on a good 110-run third-wicket stand to complete an untroubled chase. Noronha also took two wickets to complete a fine outing. Gulbarga reached the target with eight balls to spare.

All-round effort: Gulbarga's Macneil Noronha scored an unbeaten 65 and also took two wickets. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In another encounter, Mysuru Warriors cruised past Mangalore Dragons by seven wickets. After being put in, Mangalore could manage only 140 for eight. Opener Rohan Patil (52, 42b, 2x4, 3x6) scored his second fifty of the tournament. Mysuru pacer Monish Reddy scalped three wickets.

Mysuru skipper Karun Nair (43) and K.S. Lankesh (68 n.o.) made light of the chase as the team crossed the finish line in 16.3 overs.

The scores: Hubli Tigers 164/6 in 20 overs (K.L. Shrijith 65, Manish Pandey 48 n.o.) lost to Gulbarga Mystics 165/3 in 18.4 overs (Macneil Noronha 65 n.o., R. Smaran 56).
Mangalore Dragons 140/8 in 20 overs (Rohan Patil 52, Monish Reddy 3/42) lost to Mysuru Warriors 141/3 in 16.3 overs (K.S. Lankesh 68 n.o., Karun Nair 43).

Golfer Avani confident of good show at the Hangzhou Asiad

Rayan Rozario
COIMBATORE

At 16, Bengaluru's Avani Prashanth is perhaps the youngest golfer ever to represent India at the Asian Games in Hangzhou next month.

"It has always been my dream to represent my country in both the Asian Games and the Olympics," said Avani, in a telephonic chat with *The Hindu*, from Sweden.

"Back in 2016, my dad [M.S. Prashanth] used to talk to me about playing for India and prepared a training chart likewise. So, when the trials came in 2022, I made it to the team but unfortunately the event got cancelled," said Avani, who started playing golf at the age of three.

Making it to the team again this year came as a huge sigh of relief for this young champion. "I think it has come at the right time as I was able to play a lot internationally."

X-factor: Avani Prashanth's strength lies in her swing.

Mentored by Laurence Brotheridge of Great Britain for over four years, Avani said: "My coach always liked the uniqueness of my swing though it is not of the textbook kind. In fact, my strength lies in my swing and, I am hitting it longer than all the other professionals in the world. I am also a rounded player now."

About the medal chances, she said: "the women's team, this time, is probably the best it has ever been. All of us are going for the gold."

Individual medal

She also has an eye on an individual medal. To realise that, she is working on her short-game. "That's something every golfer wants to improve upon. I am trying a range of shots and also getting the tough ones together.

"It is basically to prepare myself for anything that comes my way in China," said Avani, who is busy with the Ladies European Tour Access Series event in Sweden.

She plans to travel to Amsterdam and then take a short break to join her family in Bengaluru before boarding the flight to China. "The break is not to relax but to do chalk out a clear plan and prepare on the different parts of my game before the Asiad, she quickly added."

BENGALURU ROUND UP

All-round show by Harshitha

Harshitha Shekar's all-round effort (5/16 and 42 n.o.) helped Chintamani SA defeat Minerva CC by nine wickets in the KSCA Women's League. In another match, R. Aditi scored 66 runs and picked up three wickets (3/1) as FUCC (1) hammered Engrades CC by 412 runs.

The scores: Chintamani SA 97 in 43 overs (U. Sanjana 29, Harshitha Shekar 5/16) lost to Minerva CC 101/1 in 17.2 overs (Harshitha Shekar 42 n.o.).

FUCC (1) 448/6 in 50 overs (Krishika Reddy 107, Pooja Dhananjaya 48, R. Aditi 66, K. Chandasi 26, Anushree K. Samagond 35 n.o., P. Saloni 43 n.o.) bt Engrades CC 36 in 32.2 overs (R. Aditi 3/1).

Say cheese: The various winners at the Karnataka State-ranking badminton tournament held in Bengaluru on August 23

Century Cricketers 229/6 in 50 overs (Advika 79, Sony Singh 27, Ahlam 46 n.o.) bt FUCC (2) 132 in 33.3 overs (G. Poojitha 47 n.o., Rachana N. Sharma 5/23).

Bangalore Occasionals 116/9 in 50 overs (Divya Gnanananda 3/22, M. Rakshitha Nayaka 3/16) lost to Herons CC 117/2 in 12.4 overs (Prathyoosha 58).

Double delight for Vihaan

C. Vihaan won the under-13 boys' singles and doubles titles at the Karnataka State-ranking badminton tournament held here on Wednesday.

The results (finals) Boys: **U-13**: **Singles**: C. Vihaan bt Adrien Edward 23-21, 21-12; **Doubles**: Devansh Chowdhury & C. Vihaan bt Vishal D. Anand & B. Vishal Uthappa 20-22, 21-11, 21-13; **U-11**: **Singles**: Sanshray Sunil bt N.D. Nakulan Hari 21-14, 21-16; **Doubles**: Daksh Chaitanya Dhotrad & Ishaan Vishal Pathak bt G. Neerav & R. Vivaan 21-18, 21-13.

Girls: **U-13**: **Singles**: Dhanya Manjunath bt Shreya Kandibilla 18-21, 21-19, 21-19; **Doubles**: Keerthi Balaji & Shriya Hanamesh Joshi bt Shreya Kandibilla & P. Shree Nagalakshmi 14-21, 21-9, 21-15; **U-11**: **Singles**: Johanna Ahilan bt Akshara Shrinidhi 21-11, 21-11; **Doubles**: Punya & Shambhavi Sharma bt Johanna Ahilan & Akshara Shrinidhi 21-10, 21-9.

Muzeeb's treble powers MEG & Center to victory

Shaik Muzeeb scored a hat-trick as MEG & Center defeated South United FC 3-1 in the BDFA Super Division League on Wednesday.

The results: FC Deccan 2 (B.U. Mithun 16, K.B. Nikhil Das 47) bt HAL FC 1 (S. Johny Kom 49); MEG & Center FC 3 (Shaik Muzeeb 19, 25, 89) bt South United FC 1 (V.S. Thotkadhar Zimik 80).

Anurag in the lead after first round

Anurag Poddar, with a total pinfall of 2286, moved into the lead in the men's category at the end of the first round of the K. Damodar & Co. Karnataka State tenpin bowling championship on Wednesday. Parvez Ahmed is second (2254) while defending champion Akaash Ashok Kumar is in third position (2221).